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Hardest Fight Still in Future Says Patterson

WASHINGTON, Pa.—"The hardest fighting lies ahead."

That was the word Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson gave in an address at Washington and Jefferson College here this week.

There has been "plenty of optimistic talk in recent weeks," Mr. Patterson said. "... but it must be remembered that, with winter coming on, the days of good weather, weather good enough for attacks in great strength, number only five or six days a month."

Slugging Match in Italy

He pointed out that the battle in Italy has become a "slugging match," that there is no chance for a war of swift movement in Italy, with Germans in concentrated strength in every pass and with lateral roads, so important to Army supply, almost non-existent.

"We are still a long way from Tokyo," he said. "We are pushing now against the stronghold at Rabaul. When Rabaul is taken, and it will be taken, we shall still be three thousand miles from the heart of Japan."

Mr. Patterson said that our soldiers in Italy have found no slackening in the morale of the German soldier. And although bombings have cut down Germany's productive capacity, enemy industry has been able, one way or another, to furnish equipment for troops and manufacture in sufficient quantity such new weapons as the rocket gun and the tiger tank.

60 Replace 20

"You will remember that the Germans lost 20 divisions in their disastrous defeat at Stalingrad," he said. "But not many realize that, since Stalingrad, Germany has activated or re-equipped 60 more divisions."

The Undersecretary described the year ahead as "the year of decision." He will see military operations of tremendous scope on the part of the Allied commanders. No thinking man would predict when the war will end, but I am sure that, in 1944, the blows will be struck that will determine the outcome."

Generals Collins And Hayes to Head Service Commands

WASHINGTON — Assignment of Maj. Gen. James L. Collins to command the Fifth Service Command, with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, and Brig. Gen. Philip Hayes to command the Third Service Command, with headquarters at Baltimore, was announced this week by the War Department.

General Collins succeeds Maj. Gen. Fred C. Wallace, and General Hayes succeeds Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord. Generals Wallace and Reckord have been given unannounced assignments.

General Collins takes command of the Fifth Service Command after serving since May 15, 1943, as Director of Administration, Army Service Forces. Previously he had been Commanding General of the Puerto Rican Department for two years.

General Hayes, who comes to the Third Service Command from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Service Commands in Headquarters, Army Service Forces, has served as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, First Service Command, and Chief of Staff of the Hawaiian Department.

General Marshall May Head Tri-Nation Staff

WASHINGTON—According to the Washington Post plans are being completed for the organization of a Joint British-Russian-American staff, headed by Gen. George C. Marshall, to conduct the war in the European theatre.

In the event General Marshall is given this command Gen. Dwight E. Eisenhower will probably be named Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

The organization announcement came with little fan-fare in comparison with the blasts which heralded the move when first rumored. As yet the War Department has not made an official announcement on the shift of Army officers.



BECAUSE OF HIS DOG, this German, clad in civilian clothes, was captured near the Italian front by Capt. Richard A. Smith, who overheard him address the dog in German. The dog was used for messenger service by German forces. Left to right: Sgt. Roy Biehn, who is attached to a PW section of the MP's, Captain Smith, and Lt. Col. Roy Moore, attached to an American Infantry regiment. —Signal Corps Photo

A Letter to Congress

Dear Mr. Congressman:

We know you have been busy. It is only a year until November, 1944, with its election. We can appreciate your grey hairs, Mr. Democrat, and the expansive glow, Mr. Republican; the elections in New Jersey, New York and Kentucky were interesting.

We also know that the problems of war have been weighing on your minds—not to mention the domestic and foreign relations questions. But, Mr. Congressman, you are passing the buck on one of your primary problems—the problem of World War II veterans. We know you are interested in the men and women in service. You have big plans for their rehabilitation in civilian life—but, your thinking is all tied up with victory parades and when "Johnny Comes Marching Home."

You seem to have forgotten that there are thousands of veterans already wearing civilian clothes or awaiting discharges from hospitals. All of the plans you have been thinking over aren't doing those guys and gals a bit of good—plans and talk don't buy bread, shelter or provide jobs.

Quit fumbling, Mr. Congressman, now is the time to act!

Mr. Congressman, you have voted billions to win this war. You have also provided billions to win the loyalty and respect of neighboring and friendly nations. The millions which you must spend to set up the program for World War II veterans are but a drop in the bucket.

President Roosevelt has proposed a three-point program for veterans. It is a sound proposal, worthy of your consideration. May we suggest that you act with the speed and dispatch which characterizes your moves when you know something needs to be done and do something about the veterans program. Above all, do it now!

Incidentally, the soldiers are as concerned about next year's election as you are. Of course they don't have the problem of winning votes—but they're rather interested in casting ballots.

We realize there are problems of states' rights, of poll taxes—and getting the armed forces to vote the proper ticket. We also realize that the members of the armed forces are a helluva lot smarter than you evidently think. Give them a little information on each candidate, provide them with an easy way to vote—a way which won't interfere with their training and fighting—and they'll put their crosses in about the same spaces they would if they were squirting sodas or teaching school.

Mr. Congressman, the backbone of this nation is its two-party system. It is a good government and a credit to the forefathers of this nation, as every member of the armed forces knows. The future of those members, who are actively defending this government, is threatened. Don't you really think it is time to forget "Politics as Usual?"

Sincerely,
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On His Feet!

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif. — Pvt. Craig W. Reese, Btry. B, 56th F. A. Tng. Bn., decided that the Infantry didn't possess all the Army records for walking—To prove it he bought a pedometer.

Wearing the gadget on all official strolls, Reese kept careful check on the mileage. He didn't use it for pleasure walking or for trips to the PX and Service Clubs.

When the 13 weeks was over the device had clicked up an average of 36 miles a week, a total of 487 miles.

Gen. Chapman Heads 13th Airborne at Bragg

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Maj. Gen. Gerry Chapman, former Commanding General of the Airborne Command, assumed command of the 13th Airborne Division here this week to succeed Maj. Gen. George W. Griner, who has been assigned to another important command.

General Chapman commanded the 88th Airborne Infantry Battalion from 1941 to 1942 and then became Commanding General of the Airborne Command.

Mustering-Out Pay Urged For All Vets

President Asks Immediate Consideration of Three-Point Program

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt this week asked Congress for "immediate" consideration of a three-point, federally-financed program to tide over service men and women in "the difficult period of readjustment" after the war.

Declaring that the nation must "give notice to our armed forces that the people back home do not propose to let them down," the Chief Executive, in a message to the House and Senate, recommended legislation and provision of a federal fund for:

Three Points Listed

1. "The payment of a uniform, reasonable mustering-out pay to all members of the armed forces upon their honorable discharge or transfer to inactive duty."

2. A "uniform" system of unemployment payments for servicemen and women who are unable to find employment after their demobilization, such benefits to be "fixed and uniform" irrespective of variance in State laws.

3. Full credit for members of the armed forces, including merchant marine, under the federal old-age and survivors' insurance law covering their period of military service.

"What our service men and women want, more than anything else," the President said, "is the assurance of satisfactory employment upon their return to civil life. The first task after the war is to provide employment for them and for demobilized war workers."

He expressed belief Congress would agree that "this time we must have plans and legislation ready for our returning veterans instead of waiting for the last moment." This, he said, "will give notice to our armed forces that the people back home do not

propose to let them down."

The President recalled the "skeptics" who questioned the nation's war production ability during the early phase of the war, and predicted there would be similar criticism of plans to meet the problems of unemployment and want after the war.

"But," he added, "I am confident that if industry and labor and government tackle the problem of economic adjustment after the war with the same unity of purpose and with the same ingenuity, resourcefulness and boldness that they have employed to such advantage in wartime production, they can solve them."

Bills Introduced

Senator Wagner, Democrat, of New York, already has introduced legislation that would give servicemen credit toward their old-age insurance. Representative Patman, Democrat, of Texas, who has introduced a bill covering most of the President's points, said he would press for its consideration.

Meanwhile, Selective Service spokesmen pointed out that members of the armed forces are now being discharged daily without the mustering-out pay or unemployment insurance suggested by the President. Some wounded veterans whose compensation is delayed, have been discharged with only their current Army pay and have experienced hardships while trying to find jobs suitable for handicapped persons. According to latest estimates, 75,000 men are discharged each month for various causes.

Meanwhile, both the House and Senate completed action on the controversial bill to delay the drafting (See Mustering-Out Page 16)

Combat Vets Returned For Furloughs at Home

FORT DEVENS, Nov. 26—Fighting American soldiers on far-flung battle fronts are being given a chance to come home for a rest under the Army's newly-adopted redistribution program, but not at the sacrifice of their combat skill and knowledge.

First of 14 stations to be opened throughout the country, Receiving Station No. 1 at Fort Devens has already processed a number of overseas veterans who are now enjoying 20-day furloughs, plus travel time. Before the men leave their records are brought up-to-date and happy day!—all the back pay due is given them.

The process is part of an elaborate system devised by the Army to refit fighting men and at the same time "beat the draft." Thousands of men in all branches will be affected and liaison officers of all forces are stationed here to interview the men and speed their furlough.

Primarily the program is concerned with assigning the returned soldier, with special care being taken that he is not mal-assigned in his new job that his knowledge is not being wasted, and that he is either contented in his new job or happy to return to his old outfit.

Basically the system works along the same lines as induction centers, with soldiers being sent to stations near their homes or where they intend to spend their furlough. The soldier arrives and within an hour has been processed and his records brought up to date. The station, to accomplish this, must operate on a virtual 24-hour schedule. While the soldier is away the machinery is still functioning and when he ends his furlough his orders await him here.

Air Force personnel are sent to the AAF Redistribution Center at

Atlantic City after being checked here by the AAF liaison officer, Capt. John C. Walker. Capt. Frank C. Kenyon represents the Service Forces and Capt. Howard G. Marsh the Ground Forces.

Combined Maneuvers Of Airborne and Troop Carrier Set

WASHINGTON — Combined maneuvers, employing elements of the Airborne Command and the Troop Carrier Command, will be conducted in the vicinity of Camp Mackall, N. C., during the period Dec. 6 through Dec. 11, the War Department announced this week.

The maneuvers will include the movement by transport airplanes and gliders of an entire airborne division, involving 8,000 to 9,000 men and all of their equipment. Combat teams, operating in daylight and night landings by both parachute and glider, will participate. The troops will be supplied by air. A demonstration of air evacuation of sick and wounded will be given.

Director of the maneuvers will be Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Evans of the Troop Carrier Command. Co-Director will be Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan of the Airborne Command.

Roberts GIs to Present Light Opera for Xmas

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif. — A new departure in Army camp entertainment will be presented here Christmas eve when a combined cast of soldiers and Hollywood songstresses present the famous light opera, "The Merry Widow."

Production on the show is already underway with Val Rosing, noted opera impresario, directing. Leading roles are to be filled by three M-G-M players.

It is planned to make "The Merry Widow" first of a series of light operas to be put on by Roberts soldiers. Tentatively selected for the second is "The Vagabond King."

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Army Doesn't Want Discarded Jewelry

WASHINGTON—The Army has not authorized collection of discarded costume jewelry for use as a barter medium in overseas theaters of operations and will not accept such collections, the War Department reiterated this week after an earlier announcement had failed to halt offers of such donations by patriotic but misinformed individuals.

Failure to wait for an official War Department request for articles needed by troops has resulted in several types of donations which could not be accepted. These have ranged all the way from old necklaces to a

wife. The latter was proffered by a native chieftain on Guadalcanal (who had seven) in gratitude for medical treatment given him.

Offer Knives

One wide-spread campaign by generous but misinformed civilians resulted in the proffer of a large number of hunting knives which were not needed by the War Department. Refusal of these weapons by the War Department caused inconvenience to hundreds of persons who had sacrificed their property. This unsanctioned campaign also resulted in a great amount of correspondence in trying to stop the flow of these unwanted gifts.

There was one drive to collect barber clippers and barber chairs. This, also, was without War Department approval.

On the other hand, there have been gifts, officially requested by the War Department, which have filled definite needs, such as furniture, books and magazines for day rooms and soldier clubs, given by persons near Army camps.

Last spring, the War Department announced completion of a campaign in which approximately 200,000 weapons, including shotguns, target rifles and pistols, were procured from the public for use by guards at war plants and military installations and in certain phases of the Army training program. This campaign, besides relieving a temporary critical shortage of such weapons, resulted in a saving of approximately 2,000,000 man-hours of labor and approximately 4,000,000 pounds of steel and other vital materials.

One of the most valued contributions has been that of blood for the vitally necessary supply of plasma.

Accept Money

Gifts of money, which the War Department has been authorized to accept, have been made by thousands of persons to buy ambulances, training and combat planes, Garand rifles, jeeps, field telephones and other Army materiel. Donations have not been limited to individuals, as many organizations have joined to provide what no one member could finance. One of the United Nations, Brazil, gave 400,000 bags of coffee to the United States Army.

Offers of jewelry gifts have been inspired by reports from North Africa relating success in some instances by individual soldiers in bartering old jewelry for services or commodities. The fact is that in North Africa, as in other occupied areas, nearly all transactions are carried on through normal commercial channels of the area by provision of food, medical and health supplies and minimum quantities of fuel.

It is emphasized that unless specifically requested by the War Department, discarded jewelry and other such articles are not wanted.

Army Wives Must Work To Get Frisco Houses

SAN FRANCISCO — Stay away from San Francisco unless you are prepared to go to work. That was the warning issued this week to the wives of servicemen by Robert C. Newell, manager of the San Francisco War Housing Center.

San Francisco is suffering from a severe lack of housing facilities and only one out of 20 newly-arrived families are able to find housing. Many hotels have limited room occupancy to five days.

Mr. Newell said that no one, in or out of the service, can be certified for war housing in San Francisco unless actively engaged in essential war industry.

Nazi-Saluting Monkey is Being Americanized

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT—A monkey that gives the Nazi salute every time he downs a slug of soda pop is in the process of being Americanized after a group of Coast Artillery Command soldiers rescued him from a violently rocking channel buoy.

How Hitler's simian friend got on the channel buoy in the first place is still a mystery. At four o'clock on a Sunday morning, soldiers from islands nearby reported seeing a strange object on a buoy two miles off shore. Later the command post trained its telescope on the marker and identified the shivering occupant as a monkey.

Sentimental Jungle Mudders went to the rescue in a 26-foot yawl. Only after a hectic half-hours struggle were they able to rescue the monkey, who had a deathly fear of water and a great mistrust of strangers.

However, when he was fed soda pop and assorted candy he realized he was among friends. Every time he swallowed another mouthful of soda, he flung out his forepaw in the Nazi salute. Judging from his beer belly he must have done a lot of boozing in his time.

Hits Jackpot!

FORT MACARTHUR, Cal. — He claims it was an accident, but we're almost sure it was in retaliation for nickles lost in the phone.

Pvt. Pruette Frank waiting in chow line, leaned his famished frame against the rickety door of a phone booth. With a crash like a forced landing the door flew open, Frank flew in. A cascade of 80 cents in nickles flew out as his elbow hit the phone.

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ADVANCES made by U. S. Army Forces in the South Pacific area have resulted in the capture of many types of Jap equipment. Sgt. Lyman C. Hudson, Chemical Warfare Service, shows Jap flame-thrower captured at Munda on New Georgia Island in the Central Solomons. —Signal Corps Photo

Captain Tells How His Outfit Fought for Munda Airport

WASHINGTON—How an American infantry company, hungry, tired and thirsty, plodded through dense jungle growth and knee-deep mud in the Solomons in bitter fighting to aid in the capture of Munda airport on New Georgia Island, was told this week by the man best qualified to tell—the company's commander.

Reporting to the War Department on his return to the United States from the South Pacific, Capt. R. J. Billado described actions in which he himself was wounded. He had nothing but praise for the men of his command, who throughout the struggle maintained their morale and their will to fight.

Ship Sunk

Captain Billado's Southwest Pacific adventure started inauspiciously. The ship carrying his unit was sunk off-shore as it was moving into Rendova Island. One man was lost. The force was refitted and made the Munda landing without beach opposition about six miles from the Japanese airport.

"Our troubles were only beginning," Captain Billado said, "and after a day or so of reconnaissance, selecting and seizing a jump-off line, and organizing for the advance, we started. It took us most of one day to go 900 yards. The jungle growth was dense. Mud was almost knee deep and the footing was treacherous. Men would fall down and have to be helped up. If a man stood long in one place, he had to be pulled out."

"It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and we had penetrated about a half mile into the dense jungle when a Jap machine gun bullet whizzed

pass my ear. I moved my two platoons to the cover of a river bank, while we investigated. We found the Japs on top of the ground entrenched in foxholes, so I called for 81-mm mortars. Within six minutes, Lt. Chris A. Christopoulos stumbled up with two mortars. After placing them behind the stream bank, he fired only one shot for range, which hit about 50 yards over. Then, he opened up for effect and fired about 40 rounds.

"When he was about to cease fire, we swarmed over the position, encountering little or no opposition. We counted 50 dead Japs. A check of our men disclosed we had lost only one man; and Company L, next to us, had lost one.

Praise For Chris

"Boy! I've heard about mortar experts, but I don't want any better one than Chris. He certainly plastered 'em."

"We continued our advance, but as we did the supply problem became our major problem. Food was dropped several times from the air, but we never retrieved any of it. At one time my men were without water for 42 hours, and the entire company (approximately 200 men) were existing on one case of C rations (equal to 12 individual meals) during a day. We finally pushed our way out to the beach and established a new beachhead in order to solve our supply problem."

Captain Billado was wounded from mortar fire on July 13, eight days after his landing.

Planes Fire Live Ammunition Over Heads of Trainees

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Low-flying Army P-39s, firing live .50 caliber ball ammunition and 37 m.m. cannon shells, have added a new touch of realism to the training of soldiers of the Camp Roberts Infantry Replacement Training Center here.

Trainees have undergone simulated strafing attacks for some time, but now expert pilots of the speedy army planes fire at targets over the heads of troops. Thus the men get the actual "feel" of bullets whizzing at them.

The experiment, first tried on men of the 78th Inf. Tng. Bn., was termed a huge success by Maj. Gen. Thompson Lawrence, IRTC commander; Maj. Gen. R. E. DeR. Hoyle, FARTC commander, and Col. Fred O. Wickham, commander of the 16th Inf. Tng. Regt. It has become a regular part of the 17-week infantry course here.

The strafing was undergone by the 78th Bn. at the conclusion of a two-weeks bivouac under field conditions. Men of the 80th Bn. have also had a try at diving to cover from plane-fired shells and additional units are scheduled to go through the same experience within the coming months.

Chinese Learn U. S. Methods at Knox

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Two great allies, China and the United States, are demonstrating very practically the way they are working together for victory at the Armored Replacement Training Center. Twelve Chinese officers, headed by Major Yuen Tai Hai, started basic training in armored warfare last week, and will continue to work side by side with American officers and trainees for 12 weeks.

All of the Chinese group have seen action against the Japs, including fighting against Nipponese tank units. Some have been in the struggle since 1937, but all are here in the Center to enthusiastically probe the latest American advances in mechanized war. A number of the representatives of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek have served under Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of American army forces in the China-Burma-India theatre.

While at the ARTC, the distinguished visitors are staying at the regular officers' quarters. When their "lessons" are completed, they will return to Chungking, from which they left, to teach others. They will be of great value, too, in demonstrating American armored equipment and vehicles, being used in considerably increasing quantities by China.

Even Toughest Pray, Gen. Brooks Tells 11th

CAMP IBIS, Calif.—The hardest soldiers will resort to prayer in times of stress, according to Maj. Gen. Edward H. Brooks, commanding general of the 11th Armored Division, now engaged in training here.

Addressing his command assembled here among the yucca and cactus, General Brooks advised the division troops to prepare themselves mentally and spiritually for battle. "When you get scared, you'll pray—I don't care how tough you are," declared the general, himself a World War I hero.



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Camp Shows Celebrates Second Anniversary

NEW YORK, N. Y.—USO-Camp Shows, the round-the-world entertainment agency for American servicemen, celebrated its second anniversary on Thanksgiving Day.

USO-Camp Shows was formed two years ago at the request of the War and Navy Departments. Its purpose: to send live entertainment to American servicemen.

The organization operates two programs: one paid, the other volunteer, which it combines into one whole function. The paid, or basic part of the program, is made up of hundreds of performers who work on a regular show schedule all over the world and the money on which this program functions is allotted to Camp Shows by the USO. Camp Shows' volunteer program, which enhances both the quality and quantity of its entertainment, is made up of big name stars and personalities from all branches of show business who give their time and talents to the organization.

First Show At Lee

Two years ago, on Nov. 20, 1941, the first USO-Camp Show curtain was raised at Camp Lee. It was lowered in a rousing tumult of whistles, cheers and shouts of applause from the 1500 soldiers who packed the post theatre. Since then over 30,000,000 (total attendance figure) servicemen in Continental United States and untold thousands overseas have applauded their approval of "on-stage, in-person" entertainment.

During the past two years Camp Shows has had a gargantuan growth. In the first winter season (1941-42) 24 shows (variety, legitimate and concert productions) played 4202 performances in 246 camps and stations to an estimated 2,500,000 men. In the second winter season (1942-43) 34 major productions and 49 tabloid troupes of five performers each played 18,508 shows in 1312 military posts to an estimated 11,479,850 men. In the winter of 1941-42 Camp Shows' Motion Picture Division sent 35 Hollywood stars on volunteer tours, averaging two weeks each, all over the country. Eighty concert artists and 127 name bands also played volunteer dates. One hundred and twenty-six spot-booked shows were given in ports of embarkation.

In the winter of 1942-43, 62 Hollywood personalities voluntarily trouped the Camp Show circuit; 173 concert artists and 75 name bands also played volunteer dates and 645 spot-booked shows were presented.

500 Overseas

In 1941, eight Camp Shows' entertainers went overseas. In 1942, 207 were sent abroad. Through November 9, 1943, 509 have gone out of the country and an estimated 500 entertainers will be performing for

American servicemen overseas on Christmas Day this year.

This winter (1943-44) a domestic program of the highest possible quality and of wide enough diversification to meet the entertainment needs of thousands of troops still stationed in this country is being maintained. Forty-nine Victory Circuit shows and 60 Tabloid Troupes are now on tour and the domestic volunteer program has continued apace. Camp Shows overseas program, however, which has become increasingly important during the past year is now the most significant phase of the entire operation.

Santa Claus Gets Through in Italy

FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Santa Claus probably won't get an Air Medal for dodging ack-ack but the old gent with the snow-white whiskers deserves one as the loads of gaily-wrapped packages make it look like the "night before Christmas" in this region.

It isn't much like home, with the cold, foggy weather and ankle-deep mud, but the boys are getting cheer from the great loads of packages and rations.

"Don't Open 'Til Xmas" stickers are ignored by many as they open packages of candy, cakes and other things. Families at home didn't forget this Christmas and mailed early.

The boys believe in the "It's better to give than receive" adage and are sending packages home to mom, pop, the kid sis and brother, and, naturally, the girl friend.

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EXTERIOR VIEW, showing tunnel entrances leading to the underground hospital, with the entire motor pool of the organization on top of the structure.

West Coast CWS School at Beale

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—When the West Coast Chemical Warfare School now being organized at this post begins to function next month, officers and non-commissioned officers from as far east as Denver will be coming to Camp Beale for up-to-the-minute instructions in gas tactics.

A miniature of the long-established gas school at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., the school here will have a staff of 10 officers and 40 enlisted men under Col. M. E. Jennings, a chemical warfare expert since 1917 when he joined the army's first chemical unit, known as a "Gas and Flame Regiment," during the last war.

Most interesting work of Camp Beale's chemical warfare school, which will teach men from all branches of the service, will be in familiarization classes for general and field officers, with emphasis laid on offensive use of smoke and incendiary weapons.

Col. Jennings and his staff will also give refresher courses for gas officers, and unit gas-NCOs, and occasional courses for naval officers in chemical warfare.

Dad Gets His Letters, But They Come Slow

CAMP VAN DORN, Miss.—Two Polish-American boys of the 63d (Blood and Fire) Infantry Division having a letter-writing system all their own, but it calls for two men. Pvt. Chester Antosiewicz, of Cannon Co., 255th Inf., cannot write Polish. When he wants to write his father, he calls on Pvt. Adolph Bigos, who can write the language.

However, Bigos can't read Antosiewicz's handwriting, so Chester has to read back for corrections. Between the two and a Polish-English dictionary, Papa Antosiewicz gets a letter about every two weeks.

ARMY ORDINANCE financed the first heavier-than-air machine which the Wright Brothers put into operation at Kitty Hawk in 1903.

IN THE heart of the Mojave desert marines rehearse abandoning ship. The "ship" is a 15-foot-high platform paralleling a long water tank.

Infantry Platoon Leader Awarded DSC for Heroism

WASHINGTON — An outstanding display of leadership by an infantry second lieutenant who came up from the ranks enabled an entire infantry battalion to gain a foothold on a strategic ridge on Attu in the Aleutians and helped to join two Army forces operating on the island, the War Department disclosed this week.

The officer, 2nd Lt. Walter C. O'Neil, Inf., who on August 20, 1942, was graduated from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his acts of "extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy" on May 24, 1943.

Enemy On Fishhook Ridge
Lieutenant O'Neil was a platoon leader in the battalion, whose advance had been held up by a well-prepared enemy position on Fishhook Ridge, consisting of foxholes and protected by machine guns and snipers on both flanks. The approach to this position was up a steep hill and across snow fields which offered no cover.

With 18 men, Lieutenant O'Neil launched an attack up the hill while enemy fire was coming from three directions. In the first 50-yard advance, his group suffered 10 casualties. Lieutenant O'Neil reorganized his small force in the shelter of a shelf of rocks, posted two automatic riflemen to return the fire of the machine guns and snipers from the flanks and continued the advance with the six remaining men.

When the group reached a point just under the enemy position, Lieutenant O'Neil leaped to his feet and, hurling grenades, urged his men to follow. The objective was reached with three men and the attack was continued on the enemy position until all grenades were expended.

With almost all his ammunition



ONE of the underground wards, with simulated casualty cases demonstrating operation and capacity. Maj. Edward Lipan, seated at table, Chief of Surgery, 55th General Hospital, examines a hand wound of a simulated casualty.

Underground Hospital Built at Camp Robinson

CAMP ROBINSON, Ark.—A three-ward underground hospital, complete with X-ray equipment and facilities for operations, has been dug out of sand-stone and solid rock at Camp Robinson by men of the 55th General Hospital.

The underground hospital was the "brain-child" of Lt. Col. Charles C. Gill, commanding officer of the 55th, and was constructed under the direction of 2nd Lt. Frank Stoy, QMC, and three enlisted men.

It required several months to construct the hospital with wood floors and ceilings and sides covered with wall-boards and to equip it with electricity and plumbing. However, a similar workable unit, not so lavishly finished, could be constructed in the field under combat conditions in approximately 24 hours, Colonel Gill said.

Each of the three wards, connected by underground passages, is approximately 12 feet high, by 20 feet long and 10 feet wide. Three tunnels connect the passage-ways with the outside. Three feet of dirt and rock protect the roofs of the tunnels, and approximately five feet of dirt protect the roofs of the wards.

The underground hospital has its own electric generator in one of the passage-ways and running water in each room. Ventilators reaching to the upper ground have been so constructed as to serve as emergency exits, and by using a "short litter"—a metal frame which fits around the back of the patient—casualties can be hoisted to the open air.

Famed Mut Killed

CAMP POLK, La.—Carmichael, unofficial mascot of the 9th Armored Division, who won national fame for his strict attendance at religious services, is no more. The plain brown mongrel was the victim of a hit and run autoist.

Carmichael would regularly attend the 7 o'clock Catholic Mass and appear at 10 o'clock for Protestant services.

Army Closes Shell Plant, Has Ample Ammo Supply

LOWELL, Mass. — Because the Army has enough ammunition "for any crisis, however unexpected," the huge Lowell ordnance plant of the Remington Arms Co., which has been manufacturing 50-caliber shells will close before the first of the year, the Army announced.

"Virtual elimination of the submarine menace" and the greater effectiveness of incendiary bullets contributed greatly to the closing of the plant, the Army explained. No incendiary bullets were turned out here.



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The Patton Incident

This is a brief news summary of the Patton incident.

Early in August Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., gave way to his flash temper and struck a soldier suffering from shell-shock in a Sicilian hospital.

After obtaining a full report on the incident, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote Patton a letter demanding that "Old Blood and Guts" make amends. It is reported the letter "took his hide off."

General Patton made amends. He apologized to all parties concerned as well as every group of men he could contact in his command, the Seventh Army.

It was an unfortunate incident. General Patton is regarded by many as the best field general in the Army. He was primarily responsible for the speedy downfall of Sicily. General Patton is excitable—he runs the gauntlet of emotions from a poet to use of harsh language.

Following the incident, which was common chatter in Sicily, the men maintained their respect for his ability, although their affection for him did not increase. The pearl-handled revolver totin' general is tough and the men know it. But he is also an officer and as such knows full well the Articles of War.

The incident is strictly an Army affair. The Army's shirt-tail is soiled a bit—it is up to the Army to wash it in its own manner. Undoubtedly an investigation will be made and the complete facts made public.

Ready On The Right . . .

The Pennsylvania's Jeffersonian stopped after the fireman was hurt. A sailor gave up his soft seat, donned a pair of gloves, started heaving coal and the train got back on schedule.

Having trouble with transportation? Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scheiner solved the problem—they bicycled the 1,398 miles from New York to Miami.

Sounds like a Halloween prank? American airmen broke up Japanese Saturday night parties at Rabaul by bombing them with garbage.

In London it was revealed that a 33-year-old woman hid a lover for 16 months in a space under her parlor. Her husband didn't suspect but the lover gave himself up after finding that three other men were friendly with the woman.

One's education never ceases. Mrs. Eunice Otis, age 83, has enrolled in the Hopkins, Mo., high school. 103-year-old Mrs. Maggie Tomzewsky pleaded with a Camden, N. J., judge to free her husband from charges of wife beating.

A Los Angeles pedestrian was arrested on suspicions of drunkenness. He had been yelling "Yip-pee-ee" and throwing handfuls of dollar bills in the air.

England's No. 1 teetotaler, Lady Astor, literally dragged a drunken soldier into her drawing room. When he woke up he said, "Can I get a drink?" He couldn't.

In Rensselaer, N. Y., Christopher Columbus, selective service order number 1942, gave a blood donation. . . . In the South Pacific Charles Martin received his mail—800 letters.

Sociologists of the University of Michigan say their survey reveals there will be a man for every marriageable girl—even after the war. . . . It's encouraging until one reads that a minister in London told a soldier the wedding cost was "two shillings, sixpence and your entire salary the rest of your life."

T. Royal Rupert, 60th, carries the biggest insurance, \$25,000, ever taken out on a bull. At the University of Georgia, Barbara the cow, looks like a better investment. She produced \$1,500 worth of milk this past year.

MP Arrests Self!

CAMP CALLAN, Cal. — When Camp Callan MP Sgt. Gilbratta Chiozza caught himself speeding, he wrote his own ticket, named himself defendant and arresting officer, and entered a plea of guilty when he presented himself to the Provost Marshal.

It's certainly the first case of the kind at Camp Callan and probably the first in the entire Army.

Asked by the Provost Marshal what punishment he would give himself, Sergeant Chiozza suggested restriction to the post.

He got it.

Movie Stuff

With "In Old Oklahoma," first of its eight de luxe productions for 1943-44 already on the movie mart, Republic is now pushing seven other million-dollar features. Two of them—"The Monster," and "Fighting Seabees," are now entering final producing stages, while those to follow are: "Brazil," "Atlantic City," "The Lady from Lisbon," "Convoy to Malta," and "Gay Blades."

Marking his first screen role since his honorable discharge from the Army, Elisha Cook, Jr., has signed for an important role in Warner Bros. "Cinderella Jones." . . . Irene Manning, who co-stars in Warner Bros. new version of "Desert Song," has returned to Hollywood after a six weeks' tour of Army camps. . . . Errol Flynn outwits Nazi saboteurs in the wilds of Canada in "Northern Pursuit," while Julie Bishop furnishes the inspiration.

It was a quiet day on the set of the Bela Lugosi starrer, "Return of the Vampire."

The day's shooting chores called for: Marks on Frieda Inescort's throat; ring on vampire's finger; vampire marks on man's throat; cross on bed; mirror, no reflection; hair in desk drawer; shriek (sound track).

Mae West and Victor Moore are cavorting around the Columbia lot for "The Heat's On." . . . Brian Aherne and Rosalind Russell are engaging in witty repartee for Columbia's "What a Woman," light comedy. . . . Director Al Hall has changed the character name of young Ted Donaldson in "Curly" from Stinky to Pinky—for sanitary reasons, he says.

'Ships' Sail on Dry 'Ocean' As Navy Officers Learn FA

FORT SILL, Okla.—The dry rolling plains of the Field Artillery School firing range became an imaginary ocean for 35 junior naval officers who completed a 10-day course in the Field Artillery School Monday, Nov. 15.

In addition to field exercises in which simulated landing were made while the naval officers adjusted the fire of simulated cruisers, the young officers learned Army procedure in reporting combat intelligence, map and aerial photograph reading and how to "dig in."

At the beginning of the course the officers were greeted by Col. Lawrence B. Bixby, assistant commandant, who explained the difference between naval and artillery fire.

Although the naval officers continued to issue commands according to naval procedure, field artillery methods were used in adjusting the



READY to make a clean sweep against waste, as called for in the poster displayed at his headquarters, S/Sgt. Robert M. McKenzie of the Post Headquarters and Military Police Platoon at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., shoulders worn-out brooms which will be turned in for salvage. The handles will be used to make new brooms.

First Overseas Hospital Train to Be Given Trial

WASHINGTON—On its way to the California-Arizona Maneuver Area where it is to be used temporarily for training purposes is the Army's first overseas type hospital train, built specifically for use in theaters of operations. It was exhibited to the public in Washington this week.

The new traveling hospital unit, of all-steel construction, has been designated the Third Hospital Train. It consists of ten cars, including six ward cars, a kitchen car, utilities car, and two personnel cars for officers and enlisted men. Each of the cars is slightly more than half the length of the ordinary railroad car, and was designed purposely to negotiate the sharp curves, narrow bridges and tunnels of foreign railways. The train is olive drab in color, and displays all hospital and Red Cross markings in accordance with

It's Getting Hard To Surprise Units

FORT BLISS, Tex.—The night convoy was rolling slowly through the dark dismal night.

Suddenly the earth shook, machine guns started to chatter and smoke filled the air. Some of the trucks about-faced and headed for home, some stopped, others went on. Drivers abandoned their trucks and took off cross-country.

It took 35 minutes to reorganize what was left of the convoy.

This all took place in 1942 when Capt. Frank Manacker wondered what would happen if a unit out on a field problem was surprised. He staged his little demonstration and found out.

Since then the Commando idea has grown. The equipment of the attack teams even includes tanks. "But," says Captain Manacker, "So many of our field units are on the ball now that we're generally captured ourselves."

fire because of its adaptability to land fighting.

The course in field artillery makes it easier for the "ground spotters" of the Navy to go ashore during an invasion and adjust the fire of the Navy while the ground forces are being landed and the field artillery maneuvered into position.

During the exercises on the Field Artillery School range the infantry made their simulated landings in trucks that represented landing barges. The cruisers were represented by field artillery battalions. The shoreline was represented by a road or natural terrain feature on the range.

THE NEW Army carbine is a descendant from the famous old lever-action carbine which helped to win the American west.

Geneva Convention agreements.

Other features of the new train include a pressure ventilating system, complete sterilization units, and emergency operating areas in each ward car.

The train is one of two types of hospital trains provided by the Army Service Forces. It is known as the communication zone (C.Z.) type and is used principally to remove patients from evacuation hospitals, which usually are located within 25 to 50 miles of the front lines, to the larger general hospitals several hundred miles to the rear. The larger zone of interior (Z.I.) type hospital trains, all of which have been converted from standard railroad cars, are used within continental United States, or in countries outside theaters of operations.

This particular overseas type train was built from plans drawn several years ago by the Corps of Engineers and submitted to the Medical Department. The Transportation Corps supervised construction of the train by the Pullman-Standard Car Company. Six months were required to build it.

The train is a complete unit in itself. The utilities car furnishes electric current from two Diesel generators for light, ventilation and refrigeration. Two oil-fired steam boilers provide heat and hot water. Two of the boilers or generators will operate for 14 hours without refueling.

Each of the ward cars will accommodate 16 bed patients, or a slightly larger number of sitting patients. The beds are arranged in two tiers on each side of the car. Entrance to the cars is either through the side or ends. The center area has been designed for use as an emergency operating room in cases of necessity while the train is engaged in evacuating sick and wounded from combat areas. Ward cars are fully equipped for field use, including laboratory facilities and sterilizing equipment. Fluorescent lighting has been installed throughout the train.

Mess Facilities Provided

Messing facilities are provided in the kitchen car, where a dining compartment will accommodate 16 members of the train's operating personnel. Patients are served from trays. Meals are prepared on a regulation Army coal-fired range. An electric-mechanical refrigerator of 70 cubic-foot capacity is used to preserve food. The freezing unit will turn out 1,920 ice cubes every 24 hours. One end of the kitchen car has been partitioned off for use as a pharmacy compartment which contains all drugs and medical supplies needed on the train.

Personnel of the train includes four Medical Officers, all of whom are doctors, six Army nurses, and 33 enlisted men, most of whom are technical specialists trained in medical work. Quarters for train personnel have been provided in two cars.

Maj. Thomas Purser Jr. is Commanding Officer of the train; and 1st Lt. Serene Berg is Chief Nurse.

LETTERS

Gentlemen:

Recently we were fortunate enough to acquire the June 12, 1943, issue of Army Times and could not help but read with mixed emotions your articles on the Army "Amphibs" first anniversary.

We can't dispute the statement that it was the first anniversary as amphibious engineers but we do wish to call to your attention that it wasn't the first anniversary of THE amphibious engineers. Our statement is based on the following:

In January, 1942, we practiced amphibious operations near Fort Story, Va. After a lapse of a couple of months we commenced training in amphibious work for a period of about 6 months using the "lift and groan" transport style. We were now fit for the test.

On November 8, 1942, we amphibiously invaded North Africa and later on reverted back to combat engineers for the completion of the African campaign.

On July 10, 1943, we amphibiously invaded Sicily—again reverting back to combat engineers for the completion of the campaign. We were interviewed by a 3-star general who said, "You have done a fine job and will have the opportunity to prove yourself again."

As a reward for our brilliant work we are now located in Italy living up to the general's expectations.

1st Sgt. De Blasio
Sergeant Harry Kuster
Sergeant E. A. Lumley
Sergeant H. R. Moran
Sergeant I. Coleman
Co. D 36 Engrs. (c)
APO 306, %PM, NYC.

Gentlemen:

After reading the Times for some time, I thought it was about time for somebody to remind you and others that divisions are not the only troops in combat. We are a small AAA separate outfit that has been with the 1st Division from the invasion of Oran to the capture of Bizerte, the invasion of Sicily to the fall of Troina, which in my opinion decided the battle of Sicily. We are now with another division which is making history.

I think it's unfair to our batteries who have, and are still sharing the hardships of other front line soldiers. At this writing we have been in the field over 11 months. Are small separate units forgotten? If so there is one solution, send us back home for we have yet to see a Stage Door Canteen.

Pvt. Michael Sirakis
105 AAA (A.W.) Bn.
APO 464, New York
(Army Times regrets its inability to report the activities of the many battle-toughened small units. Ed.)

Gentlemen:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am an ordnance repair man on the different guns we have in this Army. I was reading your last week's issue of the Army Times and seeing the write-up about the infantry boys deserving a new kind of medal. What I would like to know how is it that all of the ordnance outfits in the U. S. Army never seem to get a write-up in the papers about the work they are doing over on the other side right now.

Don't forget we are also right up there with the infantry, artillery, reconnaissance, signal, engineer and other units repairing their guns for them. Sometimes we have to take a great part in these battles with them. And still and all you never do hear an outfit call the doctors of ordnance.

Just an Ordnance repair man in ??? MM Co.
Camp Pickett, Va.

Gentlemen:

First of all I must say that we enjoy the Army Times in the war zone more than you think. Even though it is a few months behind time, if you listen close to this letter, then maybe you will be able to hear the shells scream and bombs burst.

The reason that I'm writing this to you is not that I have anything against the paper but because we get irritated reading about songs (which have a lot of fighting spirit in them) that are really putting the chills in us. If those guys are so good as their songs indicate then why in the hell don't we see them up here? Another thing that was the tops was about the inquiring reporter that asked what the fellows would do after this war was over (meaning the ones back in the states). Well if only there could be a reporter come over here and ask us what we would like to do, then I can positively say that we don't care about any vacations or trips like we heard about in your paper. The only thing we want to do is beat the hell out of the Jerries and get back to a nice peaceful home.

So if you really want to be on the ball why not cut some of that kind of stuff out and send us some love stories instead. This would be more interesting than the things we read now.

Cpl. Thomas Onks
A.P.O. 464
New York, N. Y.
(No love in the corporal's letter. Ed.)

NEW KINKS

Novel Bulletin Board

The 8th Armored Division's 49th Armored Infantry Battalion at North Camp Polk has a new outdoor bulletin board which gives a play-by-play story of the Allied march on Berlin and Tokyo. The board, 10 by 16 feet carries maps from the Army orientation series, and pictures from newspapers and magazines. With these are linked up daily monitor news bulletins prepared in division headquarters. When a photograph is posted a length of tape is run from it to the point on the map which it describes. Tape is also used to connect news stories with the area in which they originated. The board was planned and is maintained under the direction of Lt. Edward H. Look, battalion intelligence officer. Located in a prominent place near headquarters it has become a popular gathering spot, particularly for men who have been in the field for some days and have not been able to keep in touch with the course of events.

Victory Pie

S/Sgt. Howard Scholfield, mess sergeant in the 138th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, 20th Armored Division, at Camp Campbell, Ky., popped a new desert which he called "Victory Pie," on his men recently. The pie was made from ice-box leftovers—beets, for color, apples, potatoes, crushed pineapple, grated lemon peel and seasoning, with an appetizing-looking meringue on top. It was packed with vitamins and proved highly popular at the 20th's mess.

New Anesthetic

The discovery of a new anesthetic reported to be three to five times more potent than ether, and considered safer, was announced recently at a meeting of the New Jersey Chemical Society. Dr. John C. Krantz, Jr., professor of Pharmacology at the University of Maryland Medical School, said the new agent was the product of five years' research by himself and three associates. The anesthetic, called "propethylene," will require only a fraction of the shipping space required by ether, is not highly volatile and will not quickly boil away in tropical climates. It will be available for civilian use under certain limitations.

Unbelievable Results

"Almost unbelievable" results from the use of refrigeration in anesthetic amputation cases were reported by Dr. Francis M. Massie, of Lexington, to the Kentucky Medical Association. "It is dramatic and almost unbelievable," he said, "to see one of these amputations carried out without any discomfort to the patient, without any fall in blood pressure, or rise in pulse." The arm or leg to be amputated is placed in a bed of cracked ice and refrigerated for four or five hours.

Penicillin in Quantities

Penicillin, the new magic drug, which has hitherto been scarce because it required a long time for production, may shortly be produced in quantity. Dr. William A. Altemeier, University of Cincinnati surgeon, told doctors at a Southern convention that researchers had finally produced a pure, crystalline form of the natural drug. This makes available a concentrated product whose organic, structural formula should be accessible, thus paving the way for artificial production of the drug.

Police Force Necessary For Peace, Soldiers Say

CAMP CLAIBORNE, La.—A poll was taken here recently on the question: "Everybody has a notion about how future wars should be prevented. What's your idea?" The prevailing opinion seems to be that some kind of an international police system will be necessary.

The answers were summed up by the News, camp paper, as follows:

International police	22%
Disarmament	16%
Compulsory Military Training	14%
Police and Disarmament	8%
Combination of All Three	4%
Isolationism	6%
Religion	6%
Miscellaneous	18%

Ban On Civilian Flying May Shortly Be Lifted

WASHINGTON—The matter of lifting the ban on civilian flying in military defense areas is under consideration by the Army and Navy chiefs of staff. It was learned this week.

Under present orders no civilian flying is permitted for a strip about 50 miles wide over the Eastern Coast area. On the West Coast the forbidden area is about 150 miles wide.

The only civilian flying now permitted is Civilian Air Patrol, which is now limited to courier service and special jobs, and is always under supervision.



VERSATILE GI HELMET is proving itself valuable for all sorts of uses. During the process of loading mules of a U. S. Army unit on LST boats at Palermo, Sicily, Private Harris (upper photo) was photographed feeding a mule from his helmet. In the lower photo Pvt. Julian Beland of the 164th Signal Photographic Company wrings out a helmet full of milk. Bossy's apparent docility may be due to the gun in her ribs—or possibly to the technique of Private Beland.

Ellis Controls Passes To Nearby Communities

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—As a result of an extensive survey of the overtaxed travel, housing and restaurant facilities in a dozen communities neighboring this Army Service Forces Unit Training Center by Army officials in cooperation with civilian agencies, regulations were imposed this week controlling the distribution of passes to soldiers over week-ends to these localities.

Passes will be issued on a percentage basis among the camp's three training groups, Engineer, Quartermaster and Medical Corps. Soldiers will be free to visit other cities like Chicago or St. Louis.

Movie Filmed at Benning Makes Good Neighbors

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Pan-American relations have been promoted, and a good idea of American Army training given our neighbors to the South by a film made of the "Spanish platoon" of the 300th Infantry Regiment here.

Last July a group of cameramen from the Pathe Newsreel Company made a film of training operations here, including regular drill, M-1 rifle-firing, machine gun and mortar operations. Through the channels of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs the film, with two

sound tracks, one in Spanish, the other in Portuguese, has been distributed through the Latin-American, and has appeared in practically all Latin-American theaters.

The film also was sent to all American embassies and was shown to the military staffs attached to each.

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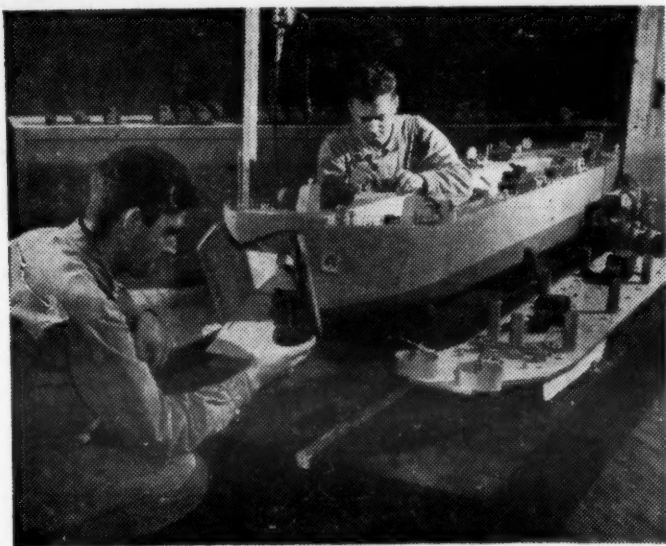


... or how to celebrate a victory at home

Returning from the South Pacific with a captured Japanese sword, the husky Marine gets a hearty greeting. *Have a "Coke"*, says the proud family circle and it's the kind of celebration he welcomes most. At home or on the fighting fronts Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes,—has become a universal symbol of the American way of life.



Prelude to Invasion: Armored Officers Learn Tactical Use of LST's



LATEST MODEL FOR TEACHING LOADING

The deck is at the right

—Armored Command Signal Photos

FORT KNOX, Ky.—One of the most colorful—and effective—pieces of Allied war equipment is the LST—landing ship tank.

These comparatively new boats already have disgorged men and armored equipment on beaches all over the world. They are expected to play an increasingly important role wherever shoreline invasions are undertaken.

Before LST's could be turned out in quantity, a great many experiments were made, not only to determine the best design, but also for the purpose of instructing officers in the tactical employment of the new craft.

Some of this preliminary work was accomplished months ago at the Armored School, Fort Knox, home of Armored Command.

Every Detail Planned

The LST model is used extensively in the tactics department of the school where officers learn the fine art of coastal invasion. Because the problems involved in moving a large force against hostile shores are enormous, and the possibility of disaster always present, every detail of such an attack is planned and rehearsed over and over again.

To equip officers for the job of organizing and leading an LST operation, the Armored School provides a course of instruction devoted exclusively to "moving an armored unit from the United States to foreign soil."

In this course, which is divided into five phases, the officers are given the problem and the information which would normally be given them in an actual situation. Their task is to formulate a plan of action which is later discussed and criticized by the other student officers. Two of the phases cover loading and landing procedures, the remainder of the course being devoted to methods of attack after the landing has been effected.

No single solution can be called perfect. Officers frequently advocate certain methods of loading and land-

ing their LST's and use the classroom model boat to prove their contentions. The variance in opinions among officers is readily understood when even a few of the many factors involved are considered.

Example Cited

For example, the officers are told that they are in command of a reinforced tank battalion. Seven LST's have been assigned to the battalion for transporting approximately 300 vehicles—including tanks, trucks, trailers, half-tracks and self-propelled artillery—plus more than 1,000 men, ammunition, fuel and other supplies.

Each LST must be a "tank task team"—a complete fighting unit which, on landing, can operate at least for a short period of time without assistance. The ideal team contains, if possible, all of the following: armored infantry and artillery support, reconnaissance, engineers, supply, maintenance, mess and medical units.

Assuming the commander can split his battalion into seven balanced teams, his next task is to plan the stowing of cargo—where the vehicles will be placed and in what order they will be loaded and unloaded.

In the classroom, this problem is made easier by use of the LST model and miniature vehicles which can be placed in the hold. Tanks are loaded last so that in case of strong enemy resistance upon landing, the armored equipment with its heavy fire power is the first unit ashore. Vehicles are backed into the ship and during the voyage are made ready for action the instant they roll off the ramp onto foreign soil.

Put "Eggs" in Several Baskets

Units consisting of a comparatively few vehicles must not be placed on a single LST—loss of the boat would deprive the battalion of the entire unit. At the same time, breaking up, say, a battery of six artillery pieces so that there is one per ship destroys the effectiveness of the unit. A better solution in this case is to allocate three of the pieces to each of two LST's, thus permitting faster reorganization of the unit after landing.

Another of the battalion commander's duties is to see that each tank task team receives training in fighting together. Since the men and vehicles have been taken from several units, maximum co-operation must be attained between squads and sections of different companies. This is accomplished during an intensive training period prior to embarking on the mission.

On the overseas trip, combat vehicle engines are tuned and warmed up before landing. A powerful ventilating system carries carbon monoxide fumes to ports on the top deck. Soldiers are quartered between the two outer walls of the ship, and those not riding ashore in vehicles wade in or, when the water is too deep, take to LCT's (landing craft, infantry) several of which are carried on each LST.

Shallow Draft

The bow of a loaded LST can ride easily in two feet of water, thus permitting vehicles to roll ashore without drowning the engines. In case the boat becomes grounded, it can winch itself free by means of a cable and anchor, dropped before reaching shallow water.

A sea-borne invasion calls for courage, timing, well-trained troops and above all painstaking preparation by the officers in charge. Judging from the successful employment of landing craft to date, the officers who study LST's at the Armored School are learning their lessons well.

Honor Bataan Heroes with Field Mass

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—With Major General Basilio J. Valdes, chief of staff of the Philippine army, present as the guest of honor and representative of President Manuel Quezon, a colorful field Mass in memory of Bataan, and in commemorations of the 8th anniversary of the Philippine Commonwealth, was offered Sunday, Nov. 14 by the 1st Filipino Infantry.

Many Filipino and American friends of the regiment had come from San Francisco and Stockton to be present at the ceremony.

Before the flower-decked field altar erected on the regimental parade ground, General Valdes, who fought with General MacArthur of Bataan and left the Islands along with President Quezon only after a direct order from President Roosevelt, received communion from Chaplain Carey.

Later General Valdes addressed the men of the regiment and their guests, denouncing Japanese attempts to convince the people of the Philippines that being Asiatics they should turn from their friendship with the United States.

"It is only by race that we are Asiatic," he said. "By training, education, and religion we are of the Caucasians. Our God is their God. Our God has never been the Japanese God."

In introducing the General, Regimental Commander Colonel Robt H. Offley had said it was appropriate that all over the country commemorations of this 8th anniversary of the Philippine Commonwealth, and ceremonies in memory of the heroes of Bataan, were being held.

"God grant," he said, "that the Philippines may soon regain freedom and peace, and that we may soon see their flag flying over a people not only unconquered, but unconquerable."

—Army Photos



MAJ. GEN. EUGENE M. Landrum, Commanding General of the Adak (Alaska) Force, pictured while cultivating his Victory garden of radishes, planted in a four-foot square wooden box in the rear of his quarters. The General is using his cane as an improvised cultivator. The cane was made from the rib of a canoe that was used by the Alaska scouts when they scouted Adak. General Landrum commanded the U. S. Army troops in the battle for Attu, and received the Distinguished Service Medal from the Navy for his outstanding service.

—Army Photos

No Complaints!

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga.—Second Lt. Florence Eberhardt thinks the WAC uniform is swell.

Before she joined the women's army, Lieutenant Eberhardt was a civilian clothing consultant for the Quartermaster General's office. Among other duties there, she was asked to help select a design for the WAC uniform. Now she is wearing it!

Grant RRC Deactivated

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—The Camp Grant Recruit Reception Center was deactivated this week and its functions transferred to Fort Sheridan, Ill. Since February, 1941, the Grant RRC has processed more than 330,000 men.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Pfc. Don Zamastal, of the 20th Armored Division at CAMP BELL, Ky., was looking forward to a routine day on his birthday. He had no expectations of any happening which could not occur on any other regular work day. Then when he returned to barracks after breakfast, the company clerk rushed up and handed him a message. "Just a greeting," he said, as he opened the envelope. Then his eyes lighted, and he yelled with glee. "I'm a father," he shouted. "I've got a fine eight-pound daughter."

Sgt. Klaus Mann, of the Central Signal Corps Training Center at CAMP CROWDER, Miss., has a second good reason for remembering his father, other than as a distinguished literary figure. His parent was Thomas Mann, exiled German author. Author Mann had made a collection of original manuscripts, musical scores and autographed books which he had given to his son. This was sold at auction recently for a million dollars in war bonds. It was purchased by an insurance company for the library of the University of Kansas.

Speaking of Delilah! One of the barber shops at CAMP GRANT, Ill., has a pretty, brown-haired young woman barber. She is Mrs. Mayme Kleiber, wife of Sgt. Alvirton J. Kleiber, whom she met at a post barber shop at CAMP LIVINGSTON, La. "It was love at first sight," Mayme says. "When I saw him in the chair I knew he was the man for me." Mrs. Kleiber is believed to be the only woman barber employed at any Army post. Incidentally, she must be free from Delilah's other characteristics for demand for haircuts at the 30th's shop has increased notably since she took her chair there. The soldiers are said to go for her haircuts like they go for mom's apple pies. Or Mayme's, for she is a good cook also.

And, speaking of cooks, T/5 Andy Carrao, first cook of Company B,

800th Signal Training regiment at Camp Crowder, Mo., had been bragging about his cooking abilities. The other day he opened a heavy-looking letter from his best girl and out dropped—a cook book.

Lt. Carl L. Mathews, Assistant Finance Officer at Camp Stewart, Ga., was paying off a soldier about to be discharged for disability. When he came to the mileage allowance he found it was just five cents. Pres-

suming an error he glanced at the man's home town which was Hinesville, Ga., only five miles from the camp. The soldier got the five cents.

Probably no other private in the Army can lay claim to compiling a dictionary. But just that has been done by Pfc. George Owl, 1114th Service Command Service Unit of CAMP EDWARDS, Mass. Private Owl is a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, who with his wife, Della, is the author of a dictionary and grammar of the Cherokee language. Mrs. Owl is a professor of languages at the University of Oklahoma.

Sgt. James Aldrich, of Kelly Field, Tex., urged his sister Mary to join the WACs but had had no opportunity to learn anything directly of WAC life. The other evening sister Mary, who is with a WAC detachment at CAMP CARSON, Colo., noted, when she walked into the orderly room, a group of WACs gathered round a soldier. It was her brother, who had come to spend his furlough with her.

Out on bivouac from CAMP BELL, Ky., Cpls. Jerry Luball and Ziggy Pilecki pitched their pup tent and rolled up in their blankets, ready for a good night's sleep. One of them heard a slight noise at the tent's entrance, a few moments later, a nudge at the foot of his blanket. On investigation in the dark he found what he thought was a cat, till the gas attack revealed that the "cat" was one with a white stripe down its back.

1st Sgt. Everett A. Brent, of CAMP BUTNER, N. C., carries 800 phonograph records and also a combination recorder and player around with him. Two years ago his mother presented him a player and a few records. He has been buying them ever since and now has over 1,000, mostly dance and discs. Often the traditional reveille bugle at the 278th Station Hospital barracks is replaced by a Harry James' hot jump specialty. Sgt. Brent says he finds the jive more effective than the bugle.

Jack mule 52C6 was the scourge of the Battery D, 26th Battalion stables at FORT SILL, Okla. He was so much dynamite on the hoof that he had earned the name Blitz. No one could control him. Pvt. Sokolowski, who came from Brooklyn to Sill for his basic, had never even seen a mule—till he was assigned to look after Blitz. The men of the Battery expected to see mayhem, or worse. But Sokolowski walked up to Blitz, patted him, and made a friend. After that, while the Brooklyn man was in the battery, Blitz was said to be the best-behaved mule in the outfit.

Maneuver Story

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Civilian visitors to the post have been noticed wearing hungry, steak-starved expressions after touring a certain training area in the Engineer Replacement Training Center. The reason is ERTC's new simulated cow, used in camouflage demonstrations. Just behind the lifelike cow and a few other rural characters is a huge gun emplacement, but the visitors don't see that. This, then, is camouflage at its best.

Gordon Johnston GIs Take to Art

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Rough, tough, hardy GIs are becoming art conscious here. Two indications that the trainees want to draw pretty pictures are the entries in the Services Club Creative Art Contest and the new free art class to be initiated here soon.

Entries in the art contest must be creative work produced at Camp Gordon Johnston between Oct. 1, 1943 and Nov. 20, the contest's closing date. To assist in this on-the-spot contest requirement which limits subject material to army life or soldiers at this post, a supply of artist's materials, including oil paints, water color paints, pastels, colored pencils, India ink, and an assortment of brushes is available at the Service Club.

The free art classes will start the evening of Nov. 2 under the tutelage of Cpl. Larry Spivack, Public Relations artist and former cartoonist-illustrator in civilian life. The weekly hour and one-half meets will be open to military personnel and civilians.

December Quota At AAA OCS Up

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—The December quota of incoming officer candidates at the Antiaircraft Artillery School here will be slightly increased over October and November, it has been made known by Brig. Gen. Bryan L. Milburn, Commandant of the AAA School. The incoming candidates will be commissioned on successful completion of the difficult seventeen week course.

"This increase in December is not to be misconstrued as a return to the large monthly volume of candidates received in the early part of the year. The quotas at almost all officer candidate schools have been decreased. Still the AAA School's quota is the second highest among all the schools, according to Gen. Marshall's recent report," General Milburn stated.

The officer candidate course at the AAA School was the first to go to the present schedule of seventeen weeks which now holds at Army OCS schools. This was due to the difficulty of the course at the AAA School where the academic courses are reputed to be the toughest of any OCS and where the highest military standards are maintained in addition to the intensive studies.

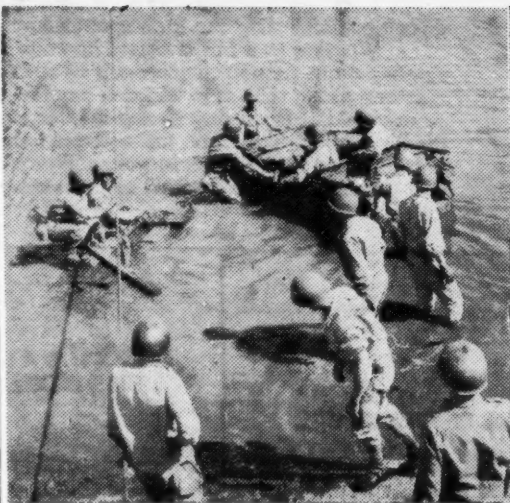
Camouflage Student Given Camera-Eye View by New Aid

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—The Camouflage Training Aid M-1, at first glance looks like an instrument you might come across in the torture chamber of some baronial castle.

It is, however, a much more scientific device and is employed at the First Service Command School at Camp Edwards, where it was conceived and built, to aid students in studying camouflage in relation to aerial photography.

A student is able to construct a model and camouflage an area on it and then by use of the new training aid can determine if the camouflage would be effective against aerial observation.

The aid consists of a wooden platform on which there is an upright wooden arm and a movable rocker wooden arm. Attached to the rocker arm is a rocker bar to which a telescope or binoculars are attached. The sighting unit is reversed so that the student gets a demagnified rather than magnified view. Notches on the rocker arm are so arranged that it can be held in position by a rope which is attached to the upright arm. This permits the students to view a model at various angles. The model is placed on a wall or on the floor at right angles with the device. By using a scale the student can simulate any desired height. He then looks through the shifting device at the model and gets the same view as he would if he was actually flying over the terrain shown in the model.



Here's Smoke in Your Eyes, CWS Tells Nazis

CAMP POLK, La.—When the average soldier thinks of chemical warfare, he has a mental picture of gas masks and of layers of poisonous gas lurking along the ground to trap the unwary.

However, modern chemical warfare involves the use of many techniques and gas is only one, Lt. Col. G. O. McMillen, chief of the Chemical Warfare Section of the 9th Armored Division, points out.

Colonel McMillen said that the proper use of smoke gives the attacking force a double advantage.

Gives Fire Superiority

"When the smoke layer is placed directly over the enemy position," Colonel McMillen explained, "it shows the attacking side exactly where the enemy is located and localizes the target area. In addition, the side covered by the smoke is blinded and unable to select targets. It has been proved that the proper placing of smoke gives the attacking force a 4-to-1 fire superiority."

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., commenting on American battle experiences in the Mediterranean war theater, emphasized recently that every unit should be trained in the use of smoke and be prepared to employ it at any time.

General Patton took an active part in the invasion of Sicily. In that operation, smoke screens from new-type chemical mortars, which fire high explosives as well as smoke shells, concealed thousands of American troops pouring ashore. Again the United States troops were hidden by smoke as they blasted their way inland.

Weather conditions should be watched carefully before smoke is employed, Colonel McMillen remarked. "The more humid the atmosphere," he went on, "the better the smoke screen will be. Smoke can be used effectively to supplement fog or a light drizzle."

Our finest weapon for laying smoke, the 9th's chemical warfare leader asserted, is the 4.2-inch chem-

ical mortar. It is greatly superior to any other weapon because its shell contains such a large quantity of smoke agent. Other weapons used for laying smoke include the airplane, the 81-millimeter mortar and the artillery pieces.

As an example of the many ways that smoke can be used, Colonel McMillen told how grenades were developed which emitted smoke of various colors for purposes of signaling.

Smoke also can be used in air defense. Chemical warfare experts can throw a layer of smoke over an open field, creating the illusion of an actual lake and confusing enemy fliers who are looking for landmarks to guide them to their objectives.

In North Africa, smoke generating companies, using new generators, foiled the approach of enemy bombers by blanketing entire ports with layers of thick fog.

U. S. Tops Enemy

Maj. Gen. William N. Porter, chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, gives this word of assurance:

"In chemical warfare developments thus far, the United States has more than held her own. And the Chemical Warfare Service is prepared for any eventuality. Our scientists in uniform are kept fully apprised of enemy developments in the war of the elements, and invariably have gone the enemy one better."

News Vital to Soldiers At Front, Gen Mac Says

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, News is as important to soldiers in the front lines as bread and bullets. Gen. MacArthur said this week in a tribute to Guinea Gold, Army newspaper in New Guinea, which celebrated its first anniversary.

"News information on current events are the very breath of modern existence," MacArthur said.

Pigeon Unit Leaves Monmouth

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—One of the oldest units, the Pigeon Breeding and Training Detachment, is being moved to the Central Signal Corps Training Center at Camp Crowder, Mo., to join the Pigeon Breeding and Training Center which was transferred to Camp Crowder in 1942. Pigeons have been bred and trained at Monmouth since 1917 and some of the descendants of World War I birds are flying in combat zones today.

FA Replacements Training Nights

FORT SILL, Okla.—Under a new addition to the Field Artillery Replacement Center's rigid training program, trainees now are required to undergo at least eight hours per week of night training.

The program for night training is purposely flexible for adaptation to batteries in all stages of training and is aimed at equipping field artillerymen to carry out each specialized mission just as quickly and efficiently at night as in the daylight.

Road marches, blackout driving, going into position, laying the battery and firing are progressively a part of the training for the new round the clock battlefield schedule in the Replacement Center.

No Reason to Say 'I Thought It Was Ours'

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz.—The "Buffalo," newspaper of the 92nd Division Infantry, is seeing to it that none of its members utter as last words, "I thought those planes were ours."

For their benefit, the "Buffalo" is presenting a series of plane recognition charts and tests based on the WEFT identification system. These charts show the wings, engines, fuselage and tail silhouettes of the planes.

The men are urged to check themselves with the charts, and, if they can't identify all of the planes, to start memorizing the outlines.

ON LAND, on water and in the air, Battery C, 27th Battalion, 7th Training Regiment at the Field Artillery Replacement Center, Fort Sill, Okla., demonstrates in a field exercise that Uncle Sam's jeep can go anywhere in the hands of trained field artillerymen. Three pictures show it doubling as a canoe, being launched, rowed and landed. The fourth picture shows the vehicle in transit via cable.

Jeeps 'Swim' or 'Fly' Across Water Barriers

FORT SILL, Okla.—The Army jeep was designed for land operations, but the fast-moving field artillery cannot always wait for bridges to be built or take the long way 'round when getting into position to observe or shoot.

Field expedients taught at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center offer solutions for difficult situations that may be met in important operations later by making the quarter-ton jeep either amphibious or airborne on a cable to cross streams, lakes, or land obstacles in an emergency.

Wrapped carefully in a tarpaulin the ends carefully folded and secured the vehicle becomes a canvas-covered boat. It may then be rowed across the water using short-handled shovels as oars, or may be pulled across along a cable stretched from bank to bank to prevent drifting by wind or current.

Launching the vehicle calls for the same care used in placing the tarpaulin around it in order to prevent damage to the water-tight canvas. The field exercise is accomplished at the Replacement Center with vehicles and load of considerably more than a ton, and done properly the improvised boat rarely collects any water at all.

Not stumped when their canvas covers have holes in them, artillerymen take to the air with the jeep. Supporting the cable from a winch-equipped truck across to a tree or other solid object on the opposite bank can be accomplished quickly. A raft improvised from empty gasoline or water cans lashed together makes the first trip across to secure the cable.

The vehicle to be carried across

the water or land hazard may then be supported on the tightened cable from a rigging attached to two large pulleys arranged to glide along the cable. The motor vehicle or other load may then be drawn across by a block and tackle arrangement or by hand with a rope attached to the load if not too heavy.

New Road Hazard —Airplanes

CAMP IBIS, Calif.—If T/3 Robert L. Hord didn't have a lusty pair of lungs, two jeep pilots might have had to explain to their CO how come they had a wreck with an airplane.

The two soldiers were driving along a desert highway when they suddenly heard a voice from nowhere shouting: "Hey, hold that peep back. Stop it."

They stopped and a small observation plane whizzed over their heads to land on the road in front of them. The plane, in which Sergeant Hord was passenger, had an iced-up carburetor and was forced to land.

recreation equipment for the division. The 14th Armored Division is commanded by Maj. Gen. Vernon E. Prichard.

Brig. Gen. Frank C. McConnell, assistant chief of staff, G-3, Antiaircraft Command, visited the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Fla., recently.

Col. James E. McGraw, Coast Artillery Corps, who just returned from a tour of antiaircraft units overseas, has reported to this headquarters for conferences with Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green and his staff.

Col. Thomas G. Dobyns, Inspector General's Department, after reporting to this headquarters for duty, has been assigned as Inspector General, Antiaircraft Command.

Student officers at the Cavalry School now receive the benefits of learning from combat-experienced staff and faculty members who have returned from various battlefronts. These include Lt. Col. Charles J. Hoy, who saw service in North Africa; Lt. Col. Harry W. Candler, North Africa; Maj. George T. Pitts, Jr., New Guinea; Capt. George B. Barnard, North Africa; Capt. Neil J. DeSaunders, North Africa; Lt. Harold Willson, Jr., New Caledonia, and T/Sgt. T. T. Adams, North Africa.

Colonel Harry Knight, executive officer of the Cavalry School, has been an observer in Guadalcanal and New Guinea, while Col. Raymond W. Curtis, acting assistant commandant, served as an observer in North Africa.

Lt. Col. Charles J. Hoy, who commanded a reconnaissance battalion with an armored division in the North African campaign, spoke on a city-wide Armistice Day program in Kansas City, Mo. Now a member of the Cavalry School faculty with the department of tactics, Colonel Hoy also addressed a luncheon meeting of the Military Order of the World War in Kansas City.

Col. Harry W. Candler, acting director of training at the Cavalry School, was selected as the chief speaker on a program sponsored by the American Legion in Abilene, Kans. Colonel Candler commanded a cavalry squadron in the North African campaign.

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Noting a deficiency in the knowledge of first aid among men at an Army Ground Force Replacement Depot, Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, reminded his commanders that the lecture method of instruction cannot be successful in making soldiers proficient in first aid work.

"Men cannot be taught first aid for wounds, arrest of hemorrhages, or improvisation of splints for fractures by lectures alone," General McNair said. "First aid training should include sufficient practical work so that every individual is proficient in the application of the various first aid measures he may be called upon to use on the battlefield."

General McNair urged all Ground Force commanders to take any necessary steps to correct deficiencies in first aid found within individual units.

ANTIAIRCRAFT COMMAND—In connection with antiaircraft training matters, Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green, commanding general of the Antiaircraft Command, accompanied by Lt. Col. H. C. Donnelly, GSC, deputy chief of staff, visited the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Centers at Fort Bliss, Tex.; Camp Haan and Camp Irwin, Calif., and the Antiaircraft Replacement Training Center at Camp Callan, Calif.

Lt. Col. Kenneth J. Woodbury, Coast Artillery Corps, has been assigned to duty in the G-1 section at

this headquarters, replacing Lt. Col. J. B. Yost, who left to attend an advanced course at the Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, N. C.

REPLACEMENT AND SCHOOL COMMAND—One of the largest groups of soldiers ever collected in one area on the Fort Riley, Kans., Reservation, witnessed an aerial attack demonstration staged for the Cavalry School recently by the 1st Tactical Division (provisional demonstration wing), of Morris Field, N. C.

Staged primarily for officer students at the Cavalry School, the demonstration was watched by permanent personnel and trainees of the Cavalry Replacement Training Center, the 29th Cavalry Regiment, the 177th Field Artillery Group, Fort Riley Station Complement, and other units on the post. A special area was set aside for members of the families of military personnel.

Aerial reconnaissance, medium altitude precision bombing, a strafing and skip-bombing attack by Marauders using 500-pound bombs, a glide-bombing attack by fighter bombers, strafing and low-level bombing with parachute fragmentary bombs, and incendiary clusters and aerial smoke screens made up the training demonstration.

More than 75 planes took part in the show, with 24,000 pounds of high explosive used. Loudspeaker systems were installed throughout the troop areas and a training commentary accompanied the demonstration.

In a recent address to graduating members of an advanced officers course at the Cavalry School in Fort Riley, Brig. Gen. Rufus S. Ramey, commandant, warned the officers not to expect any "warm-up period of training" after their units left the United States.

General Ramey, who later spoke before members of the Rotary Club at Manhattan, Kans., reminded the officers that "yours is the task of training all of your men to excel in their first meeting with the enemy." "Mediocre individuals—whether they be leaders or members of the team—cannot be tolerated in this game," he said. "The war has reached a stage where there is no time for warming-up. Many of your men will probably have to land in the face of the enemy and continue their fight from there."

Officers candidates in the horse cavalry course were also graduated at the Fort Riley Cavalry School.

ARMORED COMMAND—At Camp Chaffee, Ark., the 14th Armored Division celebrated the first anniversary of its activation on November 15. Aside from its development as a fighting military organization, the division gained reputability for its spectacular flood relief and rescue work during the devastating Arkansas River Valley flood in May, 1943. In appreciation of this work, citizens of Fort Smith, Ark., raised a soldier "appreciation fund" and purchased

KNOTS *How to Tie Them!*

Where to Use Them!

Here is information for which every soldier has a need—a series of drawings illustrating the fundamental knot ties used in the Army.

Whether you are a signal lineman making a wire tie, a mechanic rigging a gin pole for field repair of a disabled field piece, a QM truck-master making a hitch to winch a derelict vehicle out of the traffic stream, or any soldier operating in the field today, the knowledge contained in the illustrations shown on these pages is bound to come in mighty handy not once but many times in your military career.

This particular method of presenting information on knots is taken

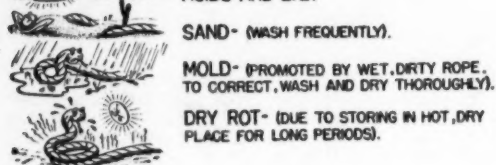
CARE OF ROPE—

COIL WITH LAY OF ROPE.
(RIGHT LAY ROPE COILED RIGHT, UNCOILED LEFT)



SHOULD BE STORED IN COOL, DRY PLACE.
SHOULD BE WASHED REGULARLY IN—
A STRONG SPRAY OF WATER.
A BARREL OF CLEAR WATER.
SHOULD BE DRIED IN SHADE.

WHEN STORING ROPE, AVOID—
ACIDS AND LYE.



SAND— (WASH FREQUENTLY).

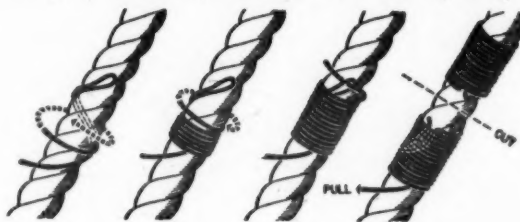
MOLD— (PROMOTED BY WET, DIRTY ROPE,
TO CORRECT, WASH AND DRY THOROUGHLY).

DRY ROT— (DUE TO STORING IN HOT, DRY
PLACE FOR LONG PERIODS).

WHIPPING—

WHEN ROPE IS CUT, ENDS OF STRANDS WILL
LOOSEN AND UNLAY.

TO AVOID THIS, WHIP ENDS BEFORE CUTTING



SEIZING



MOUSING



OVERHAND KNOT

USED TO KEEP A LINE FROM RUNNING
THRU A BLOCK, OR AS A TEMPORARY
MEANS TO PREVENT UNLAYING OF ROPE.
IT JAMS AND IS HARD TO UNTIE.

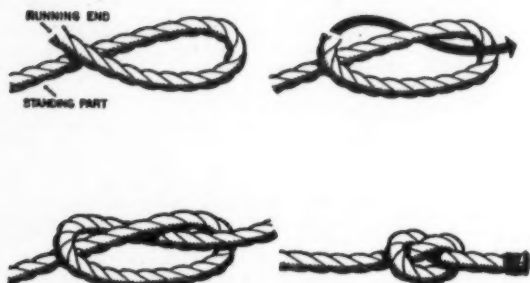
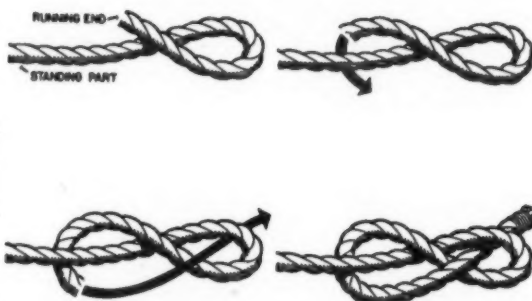


FIGURE OF EIGHT—

MUCH BETTER, FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, THAN THE
OVERHAND KNOT.

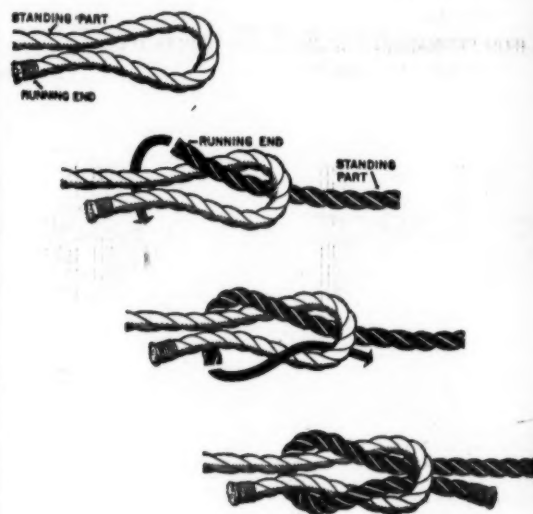
EASY TO UNTIE, AND MAKES A BIGGER KNOT.

WILL NOT JAM.



SQUARE KNOT—

USED TO JOIN TWO ROPES OF EQUAL SIZES



COMPLETED SQUARE KNOT



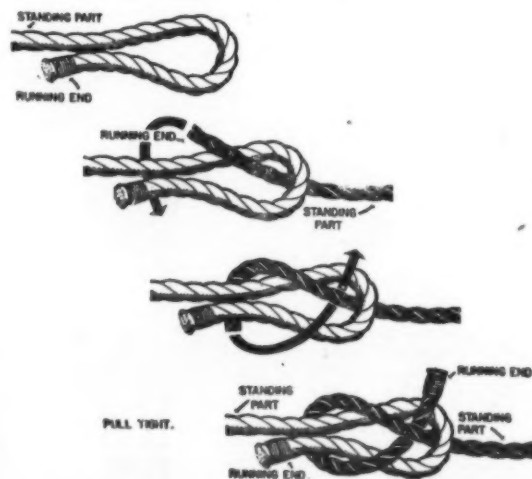
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THESE KNOTS WILL NOT HOLD.

SINGLE SHEET BEND—

USED TO JOIN TWO ROPES OF DIFFERENT SIZES.

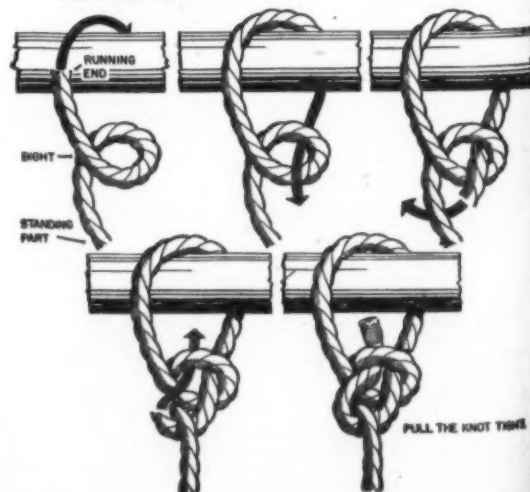


NOTE—WHEN MAKING A SINGLE SHEET BEND, THE FIRST
BIGHT SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE HEAVIER ROPE.

THE BOWLINE—

USED TO FORM A LOOP OF ANY DESIRED SIZE,
THAT WILL NEVER SLIP.

EASY TO TIE AND UNTIE,
WILL NOT JAM.



from an instructional chart series originally developed by the Engineer Replacement Training Center, Fort Belvoir, Va.

It is now in use in all of the replacement training centers and unit training centers of the Army Service Forces. The series of charts, 28 inches by 40 inches, are large enough to be used by a squad, or if necessary, a whole platoon at one time. Most centers mount them on easel stands in the field training area, and many have developed ingenious ideas for protecting them from the weather so that they may be used in all conditions under which soldiers are trained.

This series does not pretend to be a complete course on all of the

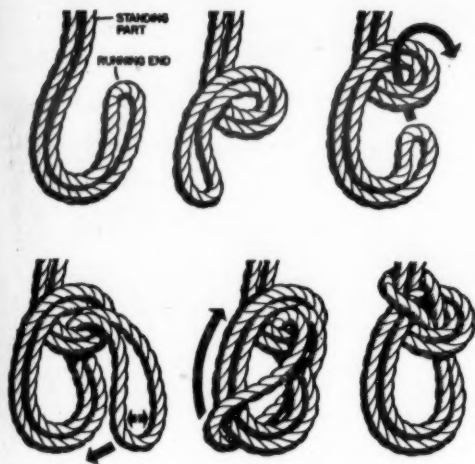
adaptions of knot ties that you may be called upon to use. Rather, it is intended to give only the basic knots.

Because Army Times believes this information is fundamental, it is being passed along to you, thereby enlarging the coverage which would otherwise be possible. Army Times feels that the chief value of this material is that it contains only essential information—the kind of information that may flash back to your mind some day when you are in a tight spot—when the chips are down. That's why the Army Times is continuing its policy of bringing you training information—information which may save you or your buddy's life.

BOWLINE ON A BIGHT—

USED WHEN A DOUBLE LOOP OR SLING IS REQUIRED, AS IN A BOATSWAIN'S CHAIR.

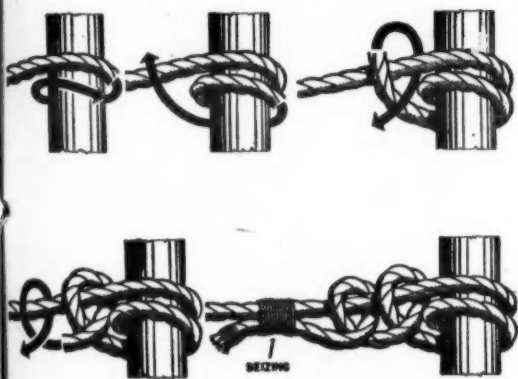
ALSO TO FORM A LOOP IN A ROPE WHEN THE ENDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.



ROUND TURN AND TWO HALF HITCHES

USED TO FASTEN A ROPE TO A SPAR OR OTHER OBJECT.

(FOR PERMANENCY, RUNNING END SHOULD BE SEIZED TO STANDING PART).

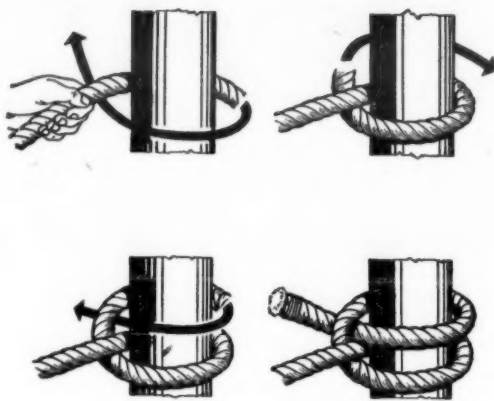


CLOVE HITCH—

MOST WIDELY USED HITCH IN FIELD RIGGING.

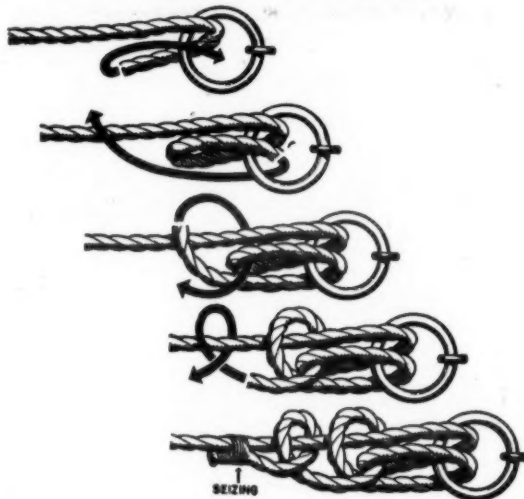
WILL TIGHTEN AS TENSION IS APPLIED, NO MATTER WHICH END OF HITCH IS PULLED ON.

USED TO FASTEN GUY LINES TO ANCHORAGES AND SPARS.



ANCHOR KNOT—

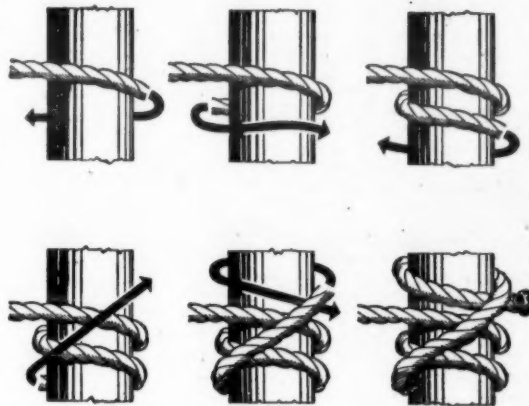
USED TO FASTEN A CABLE OR ROPE TO AN ANCHOR, OR FOR USE WHEN THERE WILL BE A SLACKING AND TIGHTENING MOTION ON THE ROPE.



MOORING KNOT—

USED TO MAKE FAST A ROPE TO MOORING POST OR SNUBBING POST.

PERMITS A LOAD TO BE EASED OFF WITHOUT LOSING CONTROL OF ROPE.

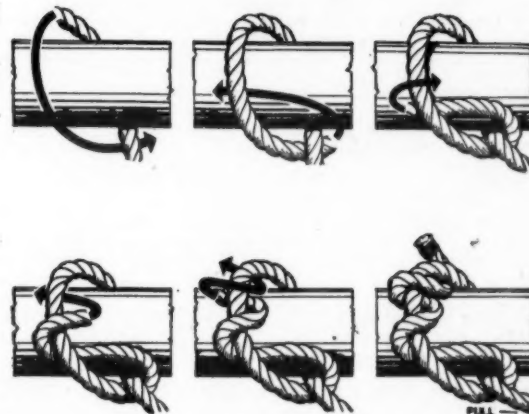


TIMBER HITCH

USED TO HAUL LOGS, SPARS, OR ANY LONG, ROUND OBJECT WITH PULL PARALLEL TO OBJECT.

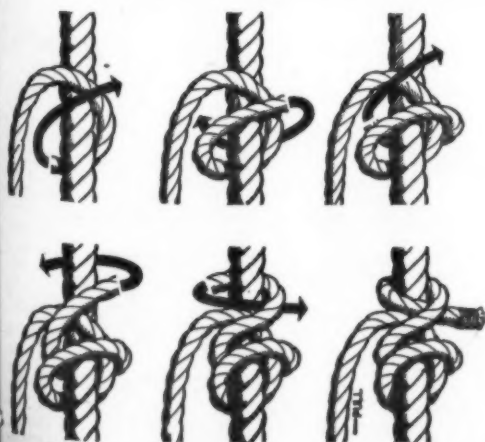
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EASY TO TIE AND UNTIE AND WILL NOT JAM



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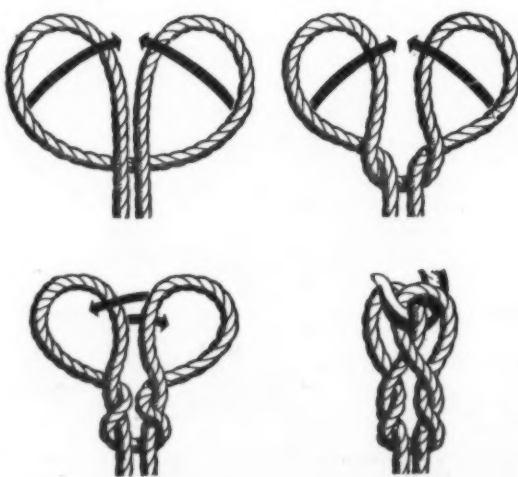
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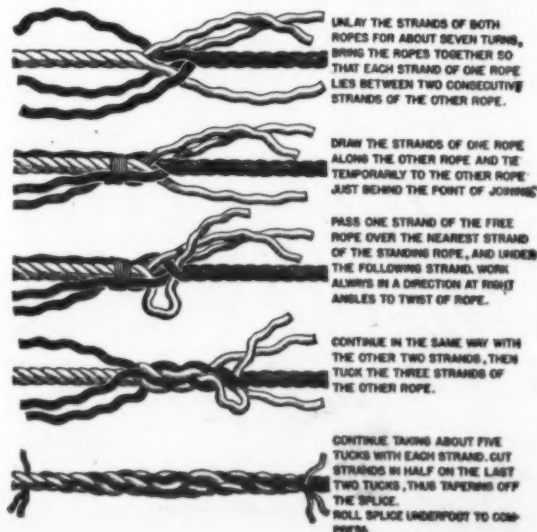
USED FOR FASTENING A ROPE TO A HOOK.

USED WITH AN ENDLESS SLING.



THE SHORT SPLICE—

USED TO JOIN TWO ROPES WHEN AN INCREASE IN DIAMETER AT POINT OF SPLICE IS NOT OBJECTIONABLE.



LIFE AT THE FRONT

Reports On Fighting Men
From All Over The World

Revealing Snores

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY — The snores of a German soldier, heard by an alert American Infantry patrol, led to the discovery and shelling of an enemy bivouac here. The patrol heard the snoring Nazi and located the bivouac area. A little later they found an enemy tank park. On the basis of reports they sent in the bivouac was shelled with numerous enemy casualties and the tank park was captured by coordination of artillery and infantry. The patrol was away from its own lines for five days, but finally returned safely, covering the last five miles by floating down a river on logs.

Varied Chapels

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—Chaplain J. Paul Clark has delivered his sermons in this area in an amazing variety of situations. Once his pulpit was a log in an African cork forest. During rainy seasons he has sometimes conducted services right out in the open. He got a surprise when he landed in Italy with the Fifth Army invasion forces and his unit was bivouaced in the yard of a baron's villa. Inside the villa was a fine chapel, laden with tapestries and other decorations, which was immediately offered for his use. "We conducted services every day there," he says, "and my outfit was certainly grateful."

The Show Went On

U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH PACIFIC — Difficulties of staging Army shows in this area were demonstrated when a group of negro servicemen put on a performance of "Don't Bother, Cecil," which presented their own version of life in the South Seas. The premiere was given in an open-air theatre before an audience of generals, admirals, pilots, seabees, privates and nine Army nurses. Everything went along smoothly till the intermission, when a Jap bombing attack developed and the audience scattered to foxholes where they were forced to stay for an hour. When the guests returned after the all-clear, a tropical rainstorm poured down. But the audience stayed to the end, though they were half drowned. The curtains for the stage were made of target-cloth and burlap, sash-cord, and old waterpipe were used for curtain-rigging. Empty beer cans were made into orchestra pit lights and dehydrated potato cans served as footlights. The costumes were made of flagging material and black-out cloth. Wigs were created from GI mops. The show was directed by 2nd Lt. Stuart McClellan, Special Service Officer, who is a former night club entertainer.

The WACs Arrive

NEW DELHI, India—The arrival of three WAC officers, the vanguard of a sizeable contingent expected here in the near future, caused more excitement than the top-ranking generals who have been conferring with Lord Louis Mountbatten. Capt. Elizabeth Lutze is the first WAC to set foot in the China-Burma-India theatre. She spent her first afternoon here posing for news pictures, and was snapped in mosques, rickshaws, and in the local shops. Maj. Fred Eldridge, public relations officer, who arranged the picture-shooting, showed how glad everyone was to see the Army girls by shining Captain Lutze's shoes before the photographers went to work.

Has His Troubles

PANAMA CANAL ZONE — Sgt. Jesse James, who is with the Sixth Air Force, has a hard time convincing folks he is not kidding in using a name which belonged to the notorious Missouri bandit. He has been admitted free to numerous pictures about the robber gang, but finds his name causes him lots of embarrassment, especially with girls. He tells of one beauty who seemed to be enjoying his company—until he told her his name. "If that's the way you want it," she proclaimed, icily, "Mine's Rita Hayworth," and walked off. "When I first went to the recruiting sergeant," James says, "he remarked that he was Sergeant York, but would I mind giving my right name?"

Learns Jungle Living

HEADQUARTERS, 7th AIR FORCE—His plane shot down in flames, Capt. Arthur L. Post struggled five days through the jungle before he stumbled into a village of friendly natives. Since the natives would not help him reach the coast until his tradeable possessions were used up, he spent 100 days with the natives, learning their methods of subsisting in the jungle. He was finally rescued by a naval party and returned to Hawaii. Burned and wounded in the plane crash, he bound sapling splints to his leg with his parachute cord and used sulfanilamide on his burns. Now he is determined that all the pilots of his squadron should learn to live off the jungle, as he learned to do from the natives. He figures that his training in jungle technique have made his chances of survival 1,000 per cent better if his trying experience should be repeated.

Impressions

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, who travelled through forward areas of the battle front with Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, noted that he was struck with the youth and eagerness of American and British soldiers. "Their faces seem so alert," he said, "and they are so evidently in the pink of condition that they seem ready for anything. My trip to the front has been one of the greatest experiences of my life," he said.

Resourceful

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — Pvt. Peter Glod, 202nd Battalion, Infantry Replacement Training Center, wins whatever medal there should be for resourcefulness and quick thinking. He and a detail were drafted the other day to move a batch of equipment from one building to another. A buddy passed. "Where ya going, Glod?" "Pay line" retorted Glod of the BAR brain.

A small mob heard the pronouncement and dashed forthwith in the direction taken by Glod and the detail. All were welcomed cordially by the officer in charge of the detail. Each was given something to carry, but it wasn't pay envelopes. A half-hour job was completed in five minutes, as Pvt. David Farrelly, Co. D, 202nd Bn., aptly put it—"By the grace of Glod."

Randy Allen



Sgt. A. J. Abruzzo, Fort Knox, Ky.



Feet An Essay

By Pvt. Bob Karolevitz
Camp Wolters, Tex.

What would an Infantry soldier be if he didn't have feet? A civilian—and what a happy thought that is!

There were days when feet were used primarily to fill out the empty spaces in fancy two-toned shoes. Feet were used to go places—when you couldn't get there any other way. Feet were used to keep you from being legs all the way down to the ground.

But as usual, the Army has its ideas in regard to one's bunions bearers.

As though it weren't bad enough for a fella to move those feet over countless miles, the Army adds a handicap from the first day—a pair of GI shoes.

There Are Reasons

Of course, there are reasons for such ground-anchors, but try to convince some hapless soldier transporting those cowhide catastrophes in the middle of a 20-mile hike. "Why did they throw away the shoes and give me the shoe boxes?" he thinks.

So from the start friend dough-boy's lower extremities take to weight-lifting as a hobby.

When a prospective soldier enters the Army, his feet are tested to make sure he is not flatfooted. This is done because the cracking sound of falling arches lends snap to the cadence count at the end of a long full-pack march. Wedgies will no doubt be the post-war footwear for ex-Infantrymen.

The Army does not travel on its stomach, as it has been so falsely rumored. Despite GI shoes, it's still a lot easier on foot. One merely loads himself with his rations, rifle, bedding, entrenching tool, canteen, bayonet, mess gear, tent half, first aid packet, foot locker, and anything else that's lying around.

Would He Ride?

By that time his toes have spread out into a skirmish line inside his shoes and his feet have about as much spring as an Army cot. But this boy is in the Infantry, so—after jacking up his arches—he departs, one foot after the other.

Do you think for one minute he would trade his lot to **RIDE** to battle in a plane or tank? Do you think he isn't satisfied?

Please don't ask him—his answer might be the most startling one-syllable word speech you've ever heard!

Bundles for Civilians Latest GI Movement

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—After one soldier stationed here spent most of his furlough standing in butcher shops trying to find some sirloin for his wife, a "Bundles for Civilians" movement was organized at Camp Roberts.

The suggested bundles would be much like the overseas kits sent to GIs. They would contain 1 carrot, 4 ounces of beef, 1 tablespoon of coffee, a lump of sugar, 1 cube of butter, a cigarette and a copy of the camp newspaper, "Dispatch."

GIs have indicated their willingness to share with those who haven't yet secured entry to the armed forces. Lots of them, however, wished to confine future generosity to destitute chorus girls.

No Outgoing EFM Over Christmas

WASHINGTON—Suspension of all Expeditionary Force Message (EFM) to personnel of American armed forces overseas during the period from Dec. 6 to Dec. 25, 1943, inclusive was announced this week by the War Department. All EFM cables from military personnel overseas, however, will continue to be transmitted during this period.

EFM messages, introduced in June, 1942, include such fixed texts as "Please Write," "Love," "Many Happy Returns," "Family All Well," and "Son Born." In all, there are 102 fixed texts, any three of which, except during the December 6-25 period, may be transmitted between the United States and most overseas areas for a uniform charge of 60 cents.

Outgoing EFM's will be suspended during the Christmas period because in some overseas areas communications facilities are not adequate to handle the expected volume of EFM Christmas greetings to troops. Taking into account the holiday increase in outgoing messages last year and the increased number of troops overseas this year, communications facilities in areas not served directly by American companies would be overtaxed.

The Mess Line

Girls, when they went out to swim,
Once dressed like Mother Hubbard.
Now they have a bolder whim:
They dress more like her cupboard.

Guide: We are now passing the oldest tavern in town.
GI: Why?

If you want to die the quickest way,
If you don't fear red hot lead,
Make a date with Pistol Packin' Mama;
She'll never rest until you're dead.

—Sgt. V. H. Berg,
3311 Lomp Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Did you know that the egg shortage is because they've drafted all the hens to make shells?

Beneath this stone lies Murphy,
They buried him today.
He lived the life of Riley—
While Riley was away!

Sipping straws in the post exchange,
and laughing with the gang.
When all at once a tune began, and here is what we sang:

Lay that soda down gal, lay that soda down
Let's dance to a jive tune, lay that soda down.

Girls who ride horses have legs such as this ()
But think of the legs on a deadpan miss !!
Then there's always the legs on the gink

Who simply must have that one final drink ()

On his wife's birthday, a tightwad soldier sent her a check for a million kisses. Annoyed by his excessive thrift, she sent back a postcard:

"Dear Jim: Thanks for the perfectly lovely birthday check. The milkman cashed it this morning."

Firing on a pistol range
A bull's eye every time
But when I quit, I seen I hit
The target next to mine.

—Pvt. James P. Richardson,
394 Inf., Co. C,
APO 442, Shreveport, La.

Column Of Poets

The Third Front

Josef Stalin said, "Tovarich, there is something that I want. Why don't you American soldiers open up a 'Second Front'?" But the big boss of the Russians must be full of Russian beer. Because there is a Second Front—we've got it over here.

Has he ever seen the GIs as they stand there all en masse
As they're going to Montgomery on a well-earned weekend pass?
With the yelling and the shoving as they're standing on their necks,
And what's doing in the stewing as they come out total wrecks?

Or fighting to get waited on at some hamburger stand,
And starving, even though they have the money in their hand?
Or fighting for some "lebenstraum" at any movie show,
Where the seat is filled that was vacant just a half a minute ago?

Has he had an opportunity to observe a squad of men
In maneuvering and advancing, to be beaten back again
By an entirely elusive but a well-formed feminine objective,
Whose "amour-piercing" eyes show you "Service that's Selective?"

I'd say, "Joe, there's a question I would like to ask you, bub;
Have you ever hopped a shuttle bus outside the Service Club?
Their capacity is fourteen, but when you see that line,
You'd imagine that they hold about a hundred twenty-nine."

Has he ever had some vodka and then gotten mighty sore
When he found his coupons all used up—there wasn't any more?
Has he seen the chow line rushing, by the lame, the halt, the blind,
Where the guy who never eats is the one who's left behind?

Now, Joe, the job you're doing over there is surely doggone swell;
You are making things for Schickel-gruber quite as hot as hell.
We'll be there to make a Third Front, so don't you shed a tear,
Because there is a Second Front—we've got it over here.

S/Sgt. A. Strommen and
T/V C. Singer
Camp Rucker, Ala.

Dog Face

Call me Private
Call me Buck
I'm just a Rookie
(Oh, what luck!)

Dishes in the sink
Potatoes to peel
I'm on KP
(You know how I feel!)

There's floors to sweep
There's scrubbing to do
Oh! My poor back
(If you only knew!)

Out for Revielle
Out for Retreat
Marching, marching
(Oh, my poor feet!)

—Pvt. Geo. Wheeler,
Ft. Bliss, Tex.

THE NEW Army carbine is one of the best "night fighters" among our weapons because it has a minimum of muzzle flash, and hence does not reveal the firer's position to enemy snipers.

AUSSIE

SERGEANT FITZGERALD,
CAMP EDWARDS, MASS.



"She should blush—she's been shopping at a black market."

Private Van Dorn

Robbie, 99th Infantry Division, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Army Quiz



- Members of the Caterpillar Club have all experienced a forced parachute jump. What experience among aviators is common to members of the Goldfish Club?
A. They all eat fish?
B. They have all experienced forced landings in the sea?
C. They wear a gold fish insignia as a reward for some special exploit?
- Among the official Army abbreviations is "wag." Does this stand for—
A. Wagon?
B. WACs on guard?
C. Washington Administrative Generals?
- Bougainville is closely associated with Bougainville. Is it—
A. A resident of Bougainville?
B. A town on Bougainville Island?
C. A flowering vine?
- In Navy tradition, what does a broom at the masthead signify?
A. Coming in for repairs?
B. Three consecutive victories?
C. A clean sweep?
- An Army officer is "sent to Leavenworth." As the term is ordinarily used will he be at—
A. The Federal penitentiary there?
B. The Army's Command and General Staff School?
C. Retired.
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt was Assistant Secretary of the Navy during World War I. Do you recall who was Secretary of the Navy then?
- In a "Dictionary of Army Slang," which was run in three recent issues of Army Times, the term "Chicago Atomizer" appeared. Does it stand for—
A. A bull dozer?
B. An automatic rifle?
C. Cars in the new subway?
- Commissioners: Hull, Eden and Molotoff have been spoken of as the "Big Three" of the recent Moscow conference. Can you remember who were the "Big Four" when the Versailles treaty was signed at the time of the last war?
- An exhibition of Russian war posters being displayed in United States are known as "Tass Windows." Does the name come from—
A. A Russian city?
B. A Russian name for glass?
C. The news agency of the Soviet?
- The port of Murmagao, Portuguese India, has frequently been in news dispatches recently. It is—
A. The site of a new Jap attack?
B. The place where American and Japanese civilians who had been interned were exchanged?
C. A resort where American troops in India go on furlough?
(See "Quiz Answers," Page 16)

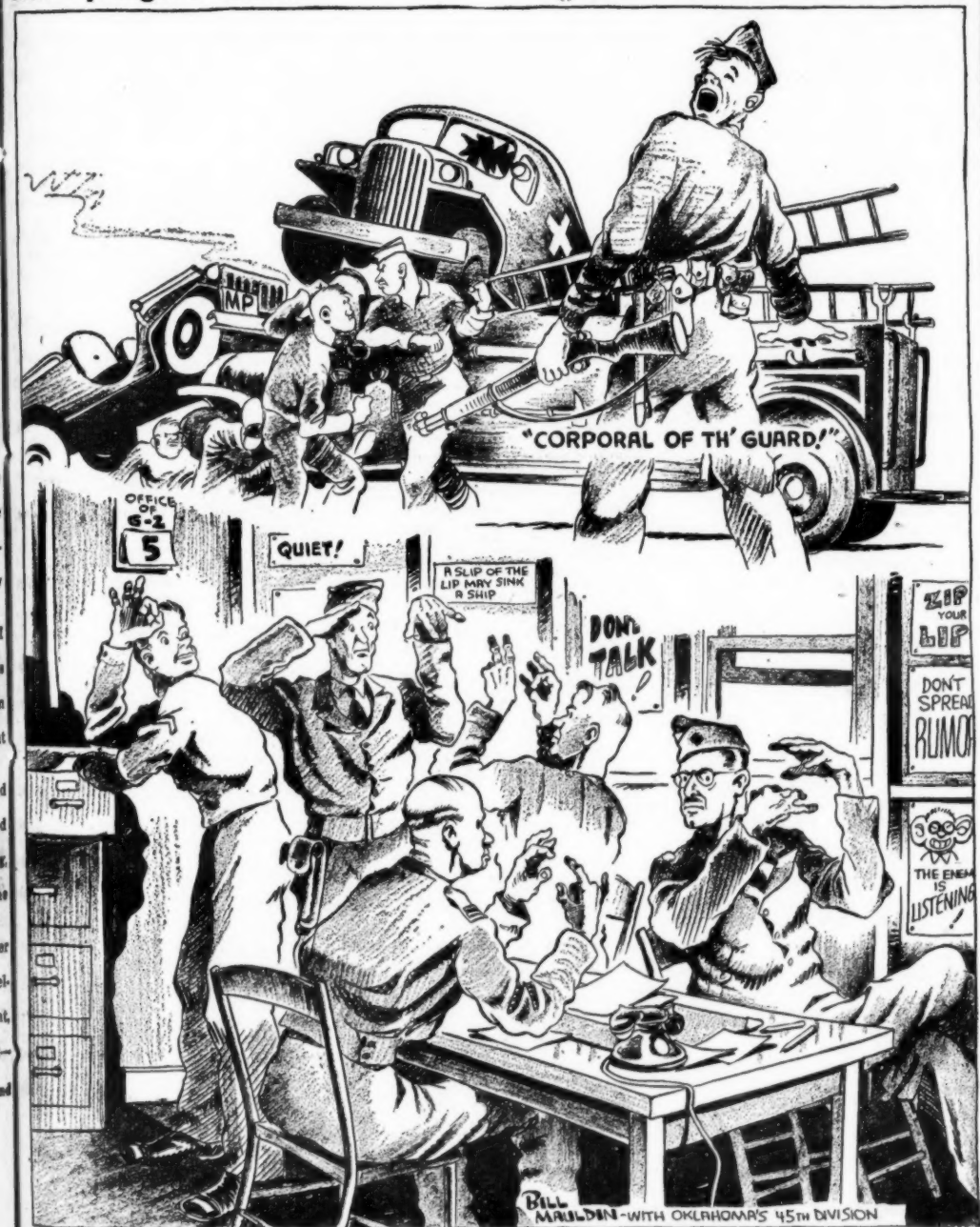
Cyclone Mose

Cpl. Grover Page, Jr., Camp Livingston, La.



Star Spangled Banter

Sgt. Bill Mauldin, 45th Division



Radio Roundup

NEW YORK—Alice Hughes, columnist and radio commentator on Station WMCA, will soon broadcast on a network chain of stations, sponsored by Hygrade Food Products Co.

Top network programs, reported by TIDE Magazine, 15 evening and 10 daytime programs, for October were (in the order named): Evening Programs: Fibber McGee and Molly, Bob Hope; Charlie McCarthy; Mr. District Attorney; Jack Benny; Aldrich Family; Radio Theater; Kay Kyser; Walter Winchell; Frank Morgan-Fanny Brice; Bing Crosby; Joan Davis with Jack Haley; Burns and Allen; Screen Guild Players; and Eddie Cantor.

Daytime Programs: Big Sister; Portia Faces Life; When a Girl Marries; Right to Happiness; Kate Smith Speaks; Romance of Helen Trent; Aunt Jenny; Ma Perkins; Our Gal, Sunday; and Backstage Wife.

Bunk fatigue: Nonsense and Melody (Monday, WGN-Mutual, 8:30 p.m., CWT); Adventures of Bulldog Drummond (Monday, WGN-Mutual, 9:30 p.m., CWT); The Northerners (Wednesday, WGN-Mutual, 9:30 p.m., CWT); Arch Ward's Sports Review (Friday, WGN-Mutual, 9:15 p.m., CWT); Three Ring Time, with Guy Lombardo (Monday, WABC, 9:30 p.m., EWT); Sammy Kaye's Orchestra with Red Barber (Wednesday, 8 p.m., WABC, EWT).

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Books

"FOR CROSSING WIDE WATERS" by Cpl. Hargis Westerfield. The Driftwind Press, North Montpelier, Vt.; \$1.00.

In his introduction, Corporal Westerfield suggests that, in writing these poems, he is thoroughly integrated in a cause. This is very apparent on reading them.

Written in blank verse, the poetry covers the first three months of the poet's life in the Army. He describes nearly all of this with poems that will be appreciated—memories of the draft examination, of the line of selectees coming into camp, lines, not complimentary, to Sergeant Goddamn.

There are 27 poems in all. Their sincerity is their best point, and the reader will always feel that the author's experience is his own.

"CHAOS OR PEACE..." by Leslie Balogh Bain. M. S. Mill Co., Inc., 286 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Dedicated to the "tired liberals who always get hanged first," Mr. Bain's book is an excellent summary of current thought on the situation out of which peace must be made and the way in which it must be kept.

The author says that win or lose, Nazism will in some measure be victorious. He backs this statement up by pointing out that the German Geopolitical plan of robbing European nations of their health and capacity to rebuild is working to perfection, even though the military victory is sure to be lost.

From this thesis he outlines the political situation which will be found in each country, the disposition of war criminals, possible plans, the question of boundaries, future needs and economy, and the possibility of fascism in the future.

"THE ARMY PLAY BY PLAY," by Members of the Armed Forces, Random House, New York City, N. Y. \$2.00.

This book presents the five prize-winning original one-act plays in John Golden's contest for enlisted men. On the stages, these plays have toured coast-to-coast for the benefit of the Soldiers and Sailors Club.

As a solid record of GI life and actions, these plays have been put in book form. Four of the five are comedies—near slapstick is offered in "Button Your Lip," by Cpl. Irving Gaynor Neiman. It proves the impossible—a latrine-born rumor comes true and a rookie proves to be Dorothy Lamour's long-hunted boy friend!

The story of four soldiers on a Nazi pigboat in "First Cousins" by Kurt Kasznar, is tense and tight, with a neat twist at the end. "Mail Call," by Pfc. Alfred D. Geto presents a picture from over there. It is starkly real and tragic but full of warmth.



FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—Dick McAninch, quarterback of the famous Duke teams which sky-rocketed Ace Parker and Freddy Crawford to football fame, is now calling signals as a corporal in the Engineer Replacement Training Center here.

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—The Camp Campbell Commandos, the Station Complement's five-alarm cage threat, is off to a smashing start, following their opener with the Overseas Provisional Regiment of the 20th Armored Division.

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—The Camp Edwards News sport scribe made his meaning clear by stating, "Pfc. Francis Park, 159, Btry A, 687th, electrified the crowd by knocking his foe, Pfc. Frank Masdy, 167, Btry C, 247th, colder than a politician's promise the day after election in the wildest and wooliest slugfest of the evening."

FT. McCLELLAN, Ala.—Smashing fists bounced off chins of some of the Army's most aggressive boxers as Ft. McClellan and Camp Sibert split their "prestige" match, 2-2, in the climax of the Boxing Carnival.

CAMP BEALE, Calif.—Combat Command A and 67th Armored Infantry Battalion have kept their goal lines uncrossed in the 13th Armored Division's 17-Club football league.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Baers came! Those beefy brothers, Max and Buddy—both already a legend in American fistiana—staged a honey of a stage boxing show.

SHEPPARD FIELD, Tex.—Slightly more than a year ago at the tender age of 17, Pvt. Raymond Kenny, 308th TG, became the youngest golfer to win the Texas amateur championship. Today he is driving his legs about the drill field.

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—Pistol-Packin' Mama has influenced the sports world. Now they're looking for "paddle-packin'" ping pongers to compete in a ping pongin' tourney.

CAMP GORDON, Ga.—Gridiron fans got their share of action this past week. Tiger football teams played six games, three on Saturday and three on Turkey day. Reminds one of the rasslin' circuit with its six nights a week schedule.

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Blessed with the stamina and speed of his All-American forebears, Cpl. Cornelius E. Taylor now holds the mile record for the 95th Group. Tugged in fatigues and GI shoes, the full-blooded Creek Indian ran the sandy course in 5 minutes and 42 seconds.

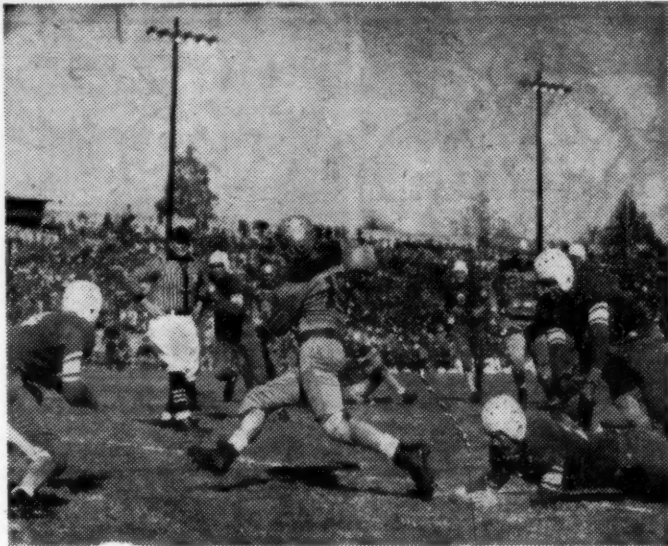
CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Four members of the 804th Signal Training Regt. boxing team are taking training seriously. Each morning they run three miles before breakfast so they can get their training done and still do Army chores.

FORT MACARTHUR, Calif.—The U. S. C. Trojans have clinched Rose Bowl honors but they had to take a back seat on the Bowl. The MacArthur football team claimed a "priority" when it met the Pasadena Junior College eleven.

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Four years removed from pursuit of Davis Cup honors Pvt. Thomas E. Alexander, 194th Bn, is back in competition polishing GI cups, peeling potatoes and wielding a bayonet in a no-love game.

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Sgt. Camine Amoroso, Judo instructor, found himself hitting the ground with a thump. "Let's do it again, Sarge, that's fun," said ex-Kansas football star, Pvt. Ray Evans.

MORE ZIP and zingo for Army biscuits was a project outlined before the American Dietetic Association recently. More thiamin in the biscuits, it was suggested, would assure a proper supply of vitamin B1 in the rations.



SNAKE HIPS and all, Pat Ronzone, ex-Indiana U. star and now one of the 176th Infantry Spirits' backs (No. 19) is shown weaving his way through 300th Infantry Saber tacklers on a 27-yard jaunt. The gain was one of the highlights in the 27-20 victory over the Sabers for the Infantry School Conference football championships at Fort Benning, Ga.

—Signal Corps Photo

Without the 'Arm' Redskins Nail Up the Chibears' Hide

WASHINGTON—"Ten Guys and an Arm" they were called by some wisecracks, but when the big, bad Bears from Chicago had their fur lifted it was 11 guys in warpaint who did the skinning.

The Redskins must not have read the papers. They should have known they were the underdogs, but instead they pulled the oldest page out of the football books and scored their first touchdown on a Statue of Liberty play.

Slinging Sammy Baugh, "Mr. Arm of the Redskins," hobbled off the bench to deliver that ball to his teammate, Wilbur Moore. Sammy also pitched the second touchdown pass to Andy Farkas but it was 11 other Redskins who were pushing the rough, tough Bears all over the field to the tune of a final 21-7 score.

Almost Forgot Sammy

George Cafego, released recently from Brooklyn because of bad knees, made the fans almost forget about Sammy as he passed, kicked and ran superbly with the ball. Oh, yes, Sid Luckman pitched the Bears one touchdown but spent most of the afternoon dusting off his pants as the Redskin line ran over him.

"Glue Fingers" Don Hutson was the only one of the pro's Mr. Bigs, who had a decent day in the grid wars. Hutson gained 237 yards for a record and scored two touchdowns as Green Bay beat Brooklyn 31-7.

The lead changed hands four times before the Steagles edged out the Detroit Lions 35-34 in the thriller game of the pro circuit. The Redskins' George Marshall must have shed a couple of tears as once again ex-Skin Roy Zimmerman provided the Steagles' punch.

Old Father Time

Old Tuffy Leeman and Ward Cuff shook off old Father Time and a bunch of Cardinal tacklers as the New York Giants downed the Chicago Cardinals 24-13.

That sudden quiet is furnished by the Notre Dame rooters, who were classing the Fighting Irish with the pro clubs. The Irish won their game against the Iowa Pre-Flight eleven, 14-13, but a coupe of ex-play-for-pay boys made them look like collegians before the game was over.

Incidentally, the man-of-the-week at South Bend is unheralded Fred Earley. Earley split the uprights with two placements which gave the Irish their one-point victory.

The Navy scouts shuddered. 'Twas cold but the weather in contrast to the Army's attack was positively frigid. Army crossed it's "T" in Palmer Method style and left a battered Brown team in the wake of its 59-0 attack.

Lonesome Fans

Psychologists tell us green is a placid color—but when wrapped around the Dartmouth eleven the psychologists were wrong. All of the lonesome 10,000 fans scattered around Palmer Stadium can testify the 42-13 score leaves little room for argument.

For the eighth time this season Columbia went down. This time at the hands of Colgate, 41-0. Navy beat Mixer—but don't get upset—we're talking about a horse race at Salem.

It was bargain day at Cambridge, Mass. Four bits entitled one to a seat in the stadium. It was worth every cent of it—Harvard and Boston College battled to a 6-6 tie.

In a few old traditional gridiron

brawls Lafayette downed Rutgers, 9-2. Penn State beat Pittsburgh 14-0, and Purdue beat Indiana 7-0, after hearing "hold that line" chant three times in the last quarter.

Crown Shared

The thriller saw the Hoosiers push repeatedly within the 5-yard line, but Purdue's Boilermakers held to give them a share of the Big Ten crown. Michigan was also measured for crown size after beating a scrappy but out-manned Ohio State team, 45-7.

North Carolina held the Blue Devils from Duke in check for a period and a half but then the offense exploded and Duke won the Southern Conference title with a 27-6 score.

Georgia Tech went into full gear to beat Clemson 41-6. Rice humbled T. C. U., 13-6. Southwest Texas beat Arkansas A. & M., 7-0, while Texas Tech was playing its role of "Tech the Giant Killer" with a 7-6 win over Southern Methodist.

In the Pocketbook

Great Lakes played an encore with the score about the same—Great Lakes 25, Marquette 6. The "Til-betch" boys took it in the pocketbook when Kansas measured Missouri, 7-6.

Iowa found some satisfaction in a dismal season by pasting hapless Nebraska, 33-13. Minnesota drubbed oft-beaten Wisconsin, 25-13, while Northwestern didn't use its brakes in beating Illinois, 53-6.

Camp Kilmer showed a great deal of strength in drubbing Brooklyn College, 47-7. Holy Cross fattened its scoring average with a 41-0 win over Tufts. Del Monte Pre-Flight met St. Mary's Pre-Flight and that's where the similarity ended. Del Monte scored 37 points, St. Mary's, 14.

St. Mary's also took it in the neck with U. C. L. A. winning 19-7. Alameda Coast Guard beat California, 7-0, while Colorado College had its scoring attack slowed to a walk but still beat Colorado, 6-0.

The Fort Bliss Commandos pressed the New Mexico Aggies but couldn't do any better than a 21-14 defeat. Fort Monroe was never headed as it rolled over the Norfolk Marine Base, 44-6.

Randolph Field Won

Randolph Field kept its brilliant record intact by beating the North Texas Aggies, 20-13. Fort Riley showed surprising power in beating Camp Grant, 10-6, while Camp Davis rolled almost at will to crush Daniel Field, 41-0.

Fort Sheridan toppled Camp McCoy, 26-0, and Kearney Air Base squeezed by Fort Crook, 20-12. Wright Field took care of neighboring Bowman Field, 13-0. The Tankers were too much for the Artillerymen and won, 25-0, in the Tenth Division's feature game.

Despite a late start the service teams have picked up power and in many conferences are beating the leaders. In some cases the service clubs received bowl consideration. Bowl games this year have already taken on a "finger" complex, with the Rose strictly a local affair and Louisiana State, beaten by Texas A. & M., Georgia Tech and Tulane, a Bowlee.

Play-for-Pay

New York, 24; Chicago Cardinals, 13. Green Bay, 31; Brooklyn, 7. Washington, 21; Chicago Bears, 7. Steagles, 35; Detroit, 34.

Undefeated, Untied, Unscored on, Unknown

GREENSBORO, N. C.—This is a small voice in the tall pines crying out for an Army Air Forces football team that has scored 129 points to nothing for the opposition, and yet—so far as the outside world is concerned—might be a natural for the "ghost bowl."

It has a long, awkward name. Maybe that's the trouble. Realizing how newspapers are cramped for space nowadays, this voice feels apologetic about writing out the name in full, but—well, here goes: Basic Training Center No. 10 Tech-Hawks of the Army Air Forces Eastern Technical Training Command.

Well, it's a good team, anyhow. Call 'em the Hawks, for short. They beat a team from Camp Butler in their opener, 56 to 0. Then they beat an Army Finance team out of Wake Forest, 59 to 0. Finally, they ran into Wake Forest College itself.

The Deacons came here with a hot record. They had won four in a row, the last against North Carolina pre-flight. In these parts, word was banded about that they were one

of the strongest civilian teams in the country.

They pushed the Tech-Hawks around a bit, but never did get around to scoring, and in a few spare moments the men of the AAF collected two touchdowns. The final score was 14 to 0.

This result was very discouraging to opposing grid forces. The Hawks' game of the following week was cancelled. Wake Forest, badly banged up, decided it didn't have the strength to keep its next date, either.

One game, nevertheless, remains on the Tech-Hawk calendar—Sunday with the Cherry Point, N. C. Marines.

Meanwhile, this small voice has suddenly become aware of the fact that the Tech-Hawks are undoubtedly the only team in the country that is undefeated, untied, unscored on—and, to all intents and purposes, unknown.

This blanket of obscurity, a morale-disturber for the entire team, is particularly unfair to a corporal named Charley Trippi. He was a sophomore last year at Georgia—so good that, when the season was over, many gridiron cognoscenti considered him a better man than Frankie Sinkwich.

This Trippi fellow—as they say around here about Ace Parker—does everything. And he does 'em with dispatch. So everybody down here forgets there are backs like Odell and Daley and Butkovich and Otto Graham in the country, and automatically puts Trippi at the head of the class.

His coach, Capt. Ralph W. Erickson, after making the assertion that Trippi can do everything, amplifies in this vein:

"He has the speed to run around a defender. And he has the power and drive to run over him. He has a wicked feint and subtle change of pace. He is a wonder at faking a pass here and throwing there—or at faking an end sweep and passing 30 or 40 yards on the dead run. He knows how to quick kick and how to get off those long, high, booming punts that hang in the air. He blocks, defends against passes, calls plays, does everything that's asked of him. And he loves the game."

Rags-to-Riches Beau Jack Beats Bob Montgomery

WASHINGTON—Fighting his greatest fight, Beau Jack, ex-shoeshine boy, beat the rough-and-ready Bob Montgomery to regain his lightweight title.

There wasn't any doubt by the time the final bell sounded. Even the gents, who had given 4 and 5 to 1 odds that Montgomery would retain his title, were satisfied the spectacular Beau had won.

Showing a surprising amount of boxing skill and a good bolo punch, Jack took the best of Montgomery's punches and came back for more.

Jack is one of the better "rags-to-riches" mitt-tossers. A shoe-shining club fighter the Beau was backed by some wealthy fight fans.

He won a few fights in his "Jack for Champion" campaign and then dropped one. He disappeared and was found shining shoes in the old Atlanta Club, not knowing that his bank roll was listed in four figures and we don't mean cents.

Jack fought the best of them and won the crown after Sammy Angott retired. He lost the title to Montgomery only to regain it in his last fight.

Spud Scores Hit With GI Patients

THOMASVILLE, Ga.—Spud Chandler, 34-year-old ace pitcher of the N. Y. Yankees, voted the "Most Valuable Player" in the American League for 1943, was as popular with the patients in Finney General Hospital as Miss Laraine Day, Hollywood star.

When Chandler, winner of two World Series games, and an "All-American" football star with the University of Georgia, visited here, the patients were delighted.

After he was welcomed to the hospital by Commanding Officer Col. Samuel M. Browne, M. C., and Lt. Col. James T. McGibony, executive officer, Chandler made a tour of the wards escorted by Lt. William Froelich Jr., Special Services officer.

Spud scored a hit with the patients by answering their questions, which were numerous, and giving them advice about how to pitch and how various plays are made in big time professional baseball.

CARTRIDGES for the new Army carbine weigh only half as much as standard service ammunition used in either a Garand or a Springfield rifle.

CIO Labor Leaders To Visit Fort Knox

FORT KNOX, Ky.—In support of its campaign for pre-induction training, the Army has invited 25 CIO leaders to visit Fort Knox, Nov. 29 and 30, to observe the training of specialists for the Armored Command.

The labor leaders, headed by CIO President Philip Murray and Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, will see for themselves how inductees with civilian skills move quickly through their Army specialist training to become experts in automotive mechanics and other fields related to maintenance in the Armored Command.

The program emphasizes the value of pre-induction vocational training for union members in war industries who have no special skills and are likely to be inducted into the Army. AFL leaders, including President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, recently, visited Fort Knox on a similar tour.

NBC Conductor Says DC Band is the Tops

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"It's tops," NBC conductor Norman Cloutier said of the Military District of Columbia Band when he arrived at Fort Myer to make recordings for the "Voice of the Army" program.

He admitted that he was a little surprised that so young a band could be so good.

The band was formed last July under the direction of M/Sgt. Clarence E. Hurrell as an auxiliary to the United States Army Band, now overseas. It expanded rapidly to include a dance orchestra, and to take over many of the responsibilities of the older band.

Landis Kicks Phils' Cox Out of Baseball

CHICAGO—In one of the most drastic moves of his 22-year-regime, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, commissioner of baseball, barred William D. Cox, president of the Philadelphia Phillies, from baseball for life for gambling on games in which his club was involved.

Cox admitted making some "small and sentimental" bets on his Phillies. After conducting a three-month investigation Landis ruled Cox "permanently ineligible" to hold any baseball office.

Engineers Tackle Pill Boxes; West Wall Next

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky. — Hardened soldiers of the 20th Armored Division's 220th Engineers are learning how to do one of the toughest jobs imposed by modern war—destroying a reinforced cement pill-box.

Here again the engineers must live up to their motto—"in spite of hell."

The problem is termed "assault of the West Wall," because the pill-box captured daily in grim training here, is similar to the pill-box fortifications that stud the Nazi defense positions along the Atlantic coast of France and the Lowlands as well as Japanese held island battlegrounds.

Through Barbed Wire

This is battle of man, unprotected except by their skill and weapons, against death-dealing steel and cement. It is the job of these 20th Engineers to learn how to sneak under the murderous raking fire of the well-armed pill-box, how to cut through belts of barbed wire, get past cleverly concealed anti-personnel mines and booby traps, and finally get into position to bring their own specialized weapons to bear on the fort.

These weapons are the flame thrower and pole or "satchel" charges of high explosive weighing at least 15 pounds. The famed Bazooka and rifle grenades also add punch to the Assault party.

Here in the 20th Armored Division's pill-box assault training, supervised by Capt. Carl H. Palmer, squads of engineers rehearse under realistically simulated conditions their mission, only one of many tough assignments for these fighting specialists.

The assault crew crawls to position before the fortification while an artillery barrage, simulated by mine explosions, prepares the way.

Wire Cutters Clear Path

Then according to plan the men move up, taking advantage of all cover utilizing shell holes as trenches. Smoke is thrown about the pill-box to obscure the vision of the defenders, and the engineers continually simulate firing into the fortification's ports with the bazooka, grenade rifle and carbine.

Wire cutters clear the path by cut-

ting or blasting wire entanglements. Previously prepared dynamite charges and fire crackers give the scene a realistic atmosphere. Finally the stage is set for the last phase.

The fire throwers are within range and the satchel charge men are ready. A stream of fire is loosed on the fort's open embrasure, forcing the occupants to close it or burn. As soon as the port is closed the charge carrier, who all through this has carried enough explosive to blow him to infinity, rushes forward, places his charge, pulls the fuse, and rushes back to cover.

Only split seconds later the explosive does its work. The fort is breached and hand grenades followed by well-placed 30 caliber slugs complete the conquest.

Gen. Hester Commands Tank Destroyer Center

CAMP HOOD, Tex.—Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, who has just returned from service in the Pacific where he was in command of occupation forces, has been assigned to command the Tank Destroyer Center here. He succeeds Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward, who was the Center's second commanding officer and who has been assigned to other duty.

General Hester brings a wide experience pertinent to the current troop training objectives. He has been troop commander, instructor, tactician, and general staff officer in his 35 years of Army Service. He was given the Legion of Merit for his skill in command in the South Pacific theatre.

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The soldiers in Alaska weren't the only ones who were able to watch the play of the Bums, the Cards, the Giants or the Yanks. In the land down under, Australia, in Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and California soldiers were sweating out the games. Missing were the familiar cries of "yer out," the roar of the crowd, the sharp crack of a bat on horsehide—but the pop-fly to third, the double-play ball or the single to left field were all reported by the flashing lights of the Diamond-Graph.

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Sports Reproducing Boards are not new. L. O. "Larry" Peck, the inventor, first introduced Grid-Graph in 1921. It swept the country as colleges, universities and business firms bought it in order to bring games to the fans.

The Grid-Graph was followed by the Diamond-Graph as baseball replaced football for the sports fans. In bars, on crowded rain-drenched streets and now in the battle-zones 1000 Sports Reproducing Boards entertain the fans.

Seventy-four boards were distributed to the Armed Forces last year. The popularity of the boards necessitated flying some to their far-flung destinations as soon as they were manufactured.

The Army officials believe them to be one of the best forms of entertainment for the battling and training soldiers. Col. Theodore P. Banks, Athletic and Recreation Officer, Special Services, has given the green light on installing them in Army installations throughout the world.

The problem of essential materials has allowed the production of the boards but with recently secured priorities Mr. Peck is confident that

the graphs will be in most camps by the time the cry, "play ball" rings out next spring.

Material priorities were secured too late for the construction of more than a few Grid-Graphs for the Army this fall. One Grid-Graph is now playing to a capacity house in the Walter Reed Hospital.

One of the outstanding features of the Sports Reproducing Boards is its ease of operation. A few minutes spend studying the instructions, which accompany the board, will qualify a person as an operator. Another advantage is found in the ability to replay the game from radio or newspaper reports hours after the final out was made.

Barring complications, next season when Jake Early catches a man off second or Rudy York poles one into the dollar 'n' a dime seats, the boys in the bayous of Louisiana, the islands of the Pacific or possibly Tokyo or Berlin will be watching as the lights tell the story.

Camp Davis Offers Three All-American Nominations

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—Tub-thumping is an annual football custom, particularly when all-star nominations are in order. Except that in this instance the stomping and fanfare comes at the instigation of thousands of Anti-aircraft soldiers who have seen a powerful Camp Davis team play each Saturday.

From the ranks of the Blue Bridge gridders fullback Norm Standlee, tackle Johnny Mellus, and end Joe Nessing are herewith designated as all-servicemen's team material. In the cases of Standlee and Mellus All-American status at Stanford U. and with the Chicago Bears (Standlee) and at Villanova and with the N. Y. Giants (Mellus) accompanies these worthies. Nessing, however, came unheralded but in two seasons of AA play has demonstrated his fitness alongside his better-recognized contemporaries.

It is not their football pasts that concern soldier fans at Camp Davis but rather their current performances that prompt huzzahs from this direction.

Standlee entered the Davis football picture after graduating from their OCS. In four contests to date, playing little more than half of each game, Standlee has carried the ball 39 times for an aggregate total of 339 yards, an average of over 8½ yards per try. His booting average is 50 yards.

Mellus, player-coach and team captain for two seasons, has blocked more kicks than the entire Davis line—and a strong one it is—combined. Spends more time in the rival backfield halting attempted forays than is normally possible. His poise and experience enable him to

Uncover Hidden Talent

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—As a method of uncovering hidden talent among enlisted men for soldier entertainments, the 800th Signal Training Regiment recreation hall staff held a talent discovery night during which 100 impromptu performers from the audience were presented autograph books in recognition of their contributions to the evening's entertainment. Anything the soldier could do, from imitations to songs and tall tales, was good for an autograph book award.

diagnose enemy direction instinctively. The Davis T-formation finds ready access through his slot.

Nessing who confined himself to semipro ball with the Meriden Trojans in Connecticut, finished second on the Davis scoring list last year but has improved upon that to date. In seven games—he suffered a shoulder separation in the eighth and was out of action one week—he has tallied seven times after snagging aerials. As a pass receiver he is compared to any end in this section. 'Tis said down here, "Let Joe get his fingertips on that ball and he's shoo-in for considerable yardage."

Rockefeller Center Was Scene WAC and MP Retreat Ceremony

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Thirty-seven WACs and a detachment of MP's stood retreat every night during September in Rockefeller Center. The ceremony was held publicly in the interests of the Third War Bond Drive.

Flags of the 35 Allied Nations were set on the parapet above the statue of Prometheus. On the stroke of five, the WACs, their bearing as brisk as that of any male group, marched into the courtyard, up the steps, and stood at attention, three behind Old Glory, one behind each of the other flags.

This was followed by precision open order and close order drill by the military police detachment. As the flags came down, a cannon was fired and the band played "To the Colors."

The WACs participating in this ceremony were selected from the recruiting staff at Grand Central Palace. Both the band and the members of the MP detachment were stationed at Fort Jay, N. Y.

WACs AT Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., who are leaving for other Army posts, wait under the "Farewell Trees" for the truck convoys in which they begin their trips.

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It's Okay If Stewart Soldiers See Snakes

By Pvt. Jack Sher

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Snakes came to Camp Stewart this week and were allowed through Gate No. 1 accompanied by George "Tex" Worthe, nationally known authority and lecturer on reptiles. Mr. Worthe and his snakes, which are of the deadly poisonous variety, will be here for several weeks, during which time he will conduct a series of lectures at various battalions on the habits of these crawlers and what every GI should know when faced with a fang.

Hospital Raises Strange 'Pets'

CAMP GORDON, Ga.—Camp Gordon has a miniature Zoo, or "Animal House," as it is called. In a shed behind the Station Hospital are housed guinea pigs, rabbits, rats and mice which are being scientifically multiplied for laboratory use. Each kind of animal is useful for diagnosis of different human diseases to which they also develop reactions. The guinea pigs react to tuberculosis and diphtheria, the rabbits are used for anti-serum, while rats and mice can be used in detecting pneumonia.

These animals are expensive and difficult to breed because, even when litters are large, the mothers often limit the number of offspring they will attend to. Other problems are the danger of little ones being trampled unless each mother and litter are carefully segregated, various feeding problems that necessitate special diets, and the numerous disease to which all these animals are susceptible.

By means of this "Animal House" the Gordon Station Hospital manages to operate its diagnostic laboratory efficiently and with as little expense as possible.

To Stress Psychology In Care of Casualties

WASHINGTON—The appointment of Mrs. Winifred Kehmann as superintendent of occupational therapy in the reconditioned division of professional services in the office of the Surgeon General of the Army is an indication of increased emphasis on the psychological approach to war casualties.

Mrs. Kehmann has been director of occupational therapy at the University of Indiana Medical Center in Indianapolis. She will work as an assistant to Maj. Walter E. Barton, formerly in neuropsychiatric work in the Army, who has been brought into the Surgeon General's office to head the Reconditioning department.

Men Learn Packing In Course at Gordon

CAMP GORDON, Ga.—Mock-ups of flat cars, box cars, and gondolas are a part of the class room equipment used here in the new packing and loading course. About 115 men are instructed weekly in the packing and packaging of organizational equipment for overseas and domestic shipment. This course is one of the first of its kind in the country.

Finds Drums in New Guinea

GREAT FALLS, Mont.—Lt. Godfrey Reed, who was formerly a drummer in an orchestra here, and who donated his instruments to soldiers at the base when he joined the Army, got a surprise the other day when he saw his drums at a dance in New Guinea.

He tells in a letter home how he went to an Army dance somewhere in the New Guinea area, and of his surprise when he saw the drummer of the orchestra setting up his own drums.

Mr. Worthe, a round, pleasant man with merry wrinkles about the corners of his lively blue eyes, has devoted most of his life to defending snakes against the bum raps they have been handed since Adam was given a bad pitch by a slithering idiot.

"Snakes," Mr. Worthe will tell you, "do not seek trouble and will not dart their fangs at you unless cornered or frightened. They eat all sorts of bad bugs and insect pests and have saved many a farmer's crop from ruin."

To prove that snakes like to win friends among people, Mr. Worthe, during his lectures, picks up even diamond back rattlers and fondles them as though they were about to do him a favor. All the while, he keeps telling the GIs, who are moving away from him, what to do in case they wake up on a bivouac hugging a sample of what he is holding.

The snakes and Mr. "Tex" Worthe travel in a trailer. He is generally well heeled with 10 or 12 live poisonous ones and 40 less dangerous ones, which are preserved in alcohol, or whatever they embalm snakes in. Besides his talk on snakes, Mr. Worthe also gives soldiers the lowdown on poisonous bugs, tarantulas, scorpions, and black widow spiders. (Murphy! Are those your fingers?) He tells GIs what sort of snakes and poisonous bugs are found in the United States and in their area.

Mr. Worthe has written four books on snakes. For the past two years, he has been traveling to Army camps all over the eastern and southern United States. He has lectured at some 200 camps to over 500,000 soldiers. The average time of one of his lectures is one hour and 15 minutes, during which time he unfolds several "snake stories" which beat any fish story you have ever heard.

Gadget Built of Scrap Speeds Repair of Wrecked Vehicles

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—A scrap pile yielded the raw material, a second lieutenant provided the ingenuity and a crew of enlisted men the labor for an ingenious GI gadget that has speeded repair of vehicles in the 796th Battalion.

Lt. Ray O. Roberts, former Motor Transportation Officer of the 796th now in Air Corps training at Maxwell Field, Ala., is the inventor of the device, a crane designed exclusively



ONE OF THE NEWEST insignia to be found on the shoulders of members of the 66th Division, Camp Robinson, Ark. The disk is orange with a red border. The black panther's mouth, tongue, nose tip and pupils are red. Teeth and eyes are white.

Melon Patch Guarded by Mounted MP Detachment

CAMP MACKALL, N. C.—Here at the Airborne Command home, where the only mounted soldiers seen are the six members of the Mounted Military Police Patrol Detachment, some odd jobs have been the lot of the unique outfit. Among them has been the guarding of a 150-acre watermelon field from which the fruit was mysteriously disappearing; an all night search for a farmer's boy who had been lost from his home; patrols through the pine woods searching for lost parachutists; rides through those same forests searching for escaped prisoners.

Three members of the small detachment, originally established as a gasoline and tire saving measure, live several miles from camp on what was once the North Carolina game propagation farm, and guard the 6,000 acres against poachers and the outbreak of forest fires.

Armored GIs Given Advice on Foot Care

PINE CAMP, N. Y.—If you are one of those persons who believes that soldiers in armored divisions are the lucky GIs who ride but never walk, perhaps an instructional memorandum issued for the 5th Armored Division may disillusion you. The memo explains what to do on long marches when the legs begin to feel weary, and every five miles thereafter. The soldier is advised to lie on his back, elevate his legs to nearly a right-angle to his body, and rest his heels against any available object for four minutes. This helps in preventing sore feet and blisters, it is explained.

Want Ideas on Celebrating Xmas

CAMP STONEMAN, Calif.—The camp Recreation Fund Committee, which controls the purse-strings of extra entertainment in off-duty hours, is looking for answers to the questions as to what kind of entertainment the camp can provide to make the most enjoyable Christmas week.

Every soldier, whether permanent or casual, is requested to submit an idea, in 100 words or less. An award of a \$25 war bond will go to the one who makes the winning suggestion.

131st Regt. at Fort Benning Will Be Demonstration Unit

FORT BENNING, Ga.—The arrival of the 131st Infantry Regiment from Camp Van Dorn, Miss., has been announced at the headquarters of The Infantry School Troops Brigade. It will serve as a demonstration unit for The Infantry School. The regiment is commanded by Col. John E. Ardrey.

The 25th Field Artillery battalion has also arrived at The Infantry School to serve as a demonstration unit. It is commanded by Lt. Col. Francis G. Hall.

Military Law for CO of Company in New Booklet

CAMP SIBERT, Ala.—A new booklet, "Military Law for the Company Commander," written by Warrant Officer Julian J. Appleton, assistant to the Staff Judge Advocate here, is being distributed to all company commanders on the post to help them in the administration of military justice.

Described by the Staff Judge Advocate Maj. Jesse M. Johnson as unique among published works on military law, the booklet is a simplified but comprehensive discussion of the disciplinary powers of company commanders and the preparation of charges.

Grace Said Before Meals

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Usually the only idea in soldiers' minds when they enter a mess hall after strenuous training is to commence eating. But members of Co. K, 800th Signal Training Regt., for several weeks now, have been pausing before each meal while one of the soldiers present said Grace. Only after thanks have been offered to God do the soldiers begin a meal.

MP's Borrow Horses, Round Up Stray Cattle

CAMP ELLIS, Ill.—A herd of 2 cattle strayed on the rifle range of this Army Service Forces Unit Training Center this week disrupting target practice. Abandoning their mechanized equipment, the MPs drove them off in cowboy style with horses borrowed from the camp Wagon Company.

Ready for anything, the MPs found an ex-cow-puncher in their outfit, Lt. Perry J. Ryan, who rode out with six men for the round-up. It took the horses and cattle a little while to get used to each other but within an hour the wandering herd was corralled.

Add to Hardships of War

LONDON—One passenger, at least, on a suburban bus was taking no chances. The vehicle halted at a church on the outskirts of London. No one was in sight but a voice came out of the church cemetery in a wailing tone, "Hold it!" A frightened passenger jumped up and fled. An American soldier-ventriloquist later apologized and solved the mystery.

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SOLDIER SHOWS

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In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contributes items on Soldier Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps helpful to you in producing your show.

EDITORIAL — from "MAN O' WAR," Ordnance Training Center, Camp Anita, Calif.:

SOLDIER TALENT

The WD informs that there's a curtailment coming in the turnout of domestic professional entertainment programs available due to greater need for entertainment overseas and increased induction of professional talent into service. The WD's quite clear that soldier-participating shows ought to get more attention. And this is a good idea. In fact, the men of the various units, companies and battalions on this post are missing a bet by not working up their own shows with stock companies comprising amateur and professional talent.

It's good for morale; it's beneficial in every respect. And now's the time to get on the ball and start collecting the talent and giving it a good workout. Talent will have to be developed now. When you get overseas it'll be too late. Campaign conditions aren't exactly conducive to taking time out to rehearse skits or plays. Too often the comedian is shot in the spotlight before he has a chance to deliver it.

THE PARTY LINE—A few suggestions for those moments of relaxation. New games for parties always bring praise.

BASEBALL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—Divide the soldiers into teams of nine. Draw circles for the home plate and the three bases on the floor. Each soldier gets one question in turn. First soldier to bat—if he answers correctly, goes to first base. If not, he is in the first out for his side. Soldiers move on bases at each correct answer, one base at a time and score when the fourth answer is correct, since the man on third base comes home. When one side has three outs, the other team comes to bat.

The above game may also be played as football, each question correctly answered advancing a man ten yards. Incorrect answers set him back ten yards. Each team lines up with eleven men on opposite sides (ends) of the gridiron. The first team to advance its eleven men across the opposite goal wins. Where an answer is half correct, an advance of five yards may be awarded.

OVER THERE
FROM NORTH AFRICA — "We started two live GI shows and two movies, one movie in the theatre and one travelling out to units in the field. Theatre seated 375 but we played to an average of 475. Some Arab had gotten in just as the Germans left and cut off three-fourths of the movie screen to make himself one of those robes. But we managed to make a screen of bed sheets—and on went the show. We built an outdoor theatre. The bombings had left an upper room on one building, just stuck up there—on the third floor; below it on the second floor were two windows. We built our stage on the ground below (15 ft. deep by 44 ft. long). Where the boys found lumber is beyond me—they had to go a couple of hundred miles for it, but the stage was ready for our Inter-Allied Variety Show. We had some English girls from one of the ENSA troupes, French girls from a touring Red Cross Unit and of course our own G.I.s. It was a gala evening. An audience of 3500 seated on the ground in an enclosure made by French stores and Arab huts all around, this yard had been a cattle, horse and pig yard before we took over! But the show went on..."

PRODUCTION NOTE—The term "Central Staging" is used to designate a style of theatrical production which utilizes for a theatre an ordinary four walled room, without a conventional stage place at one end of the auditorium or an outdoor area, such as a boxing stadium. In this style of presentation, emphasis is laid upon the actor, his action, and the script material itself, rather than the illusion created by scenery, lights, etc.; and in so doing, has a tendency to bring a more intimate relationship between audience and actor.

This is in no way intended to point out central staging as the solution for all theatrical problems. It is intended to illustrate, however, how central staging will solve many problems such as lack of RB-1 buildings, lack of funds for scenery, curtains, lights, etc., and how it may well be adapted to presentation in service clubs, day rooms, mess halls, or in outdoor areas when so desired. A knowledge

of this technique should be in the soldier-producer's bag of tricks, especially if he is going overseas, to isolated bases, or to any post, camp or station where fixed facilities are non-existent. Experience has proved its value where the situation calls for the improvisation of equipment, as well as where it is used merely as a diversion from the usual theatre. (Notes on "Central Staging" to be continued.)

Sig. Corps Sets Up Equipment Quickly

WASHINGTON—American Army Signal Corps units swarmed ashore with the first waves in the Salerno landing and installed 700 miles of communications wire within the first 10 days of the invasion, the War Department revealed this week.

In the first 18 hours, Signal Corps personnel set up four switchboards just behind the beaches, as well as six sets, and had a communications system operating over a wide area. Linemen, repairmen and operators came ashore in the thick of the battle, carrying their own equipment. Two jeeps carrying equipment were put out of action early in the fight, one by an enemy mine and the other by battery failure, and the telephone crews loaded onto their backs all the equipment they could carry and continued to move forward.

The Signal Corps crews were faced with many obstacles. Wire from existing lines had been carried away, and many of the poles were burned by the Nazis to prevent their use by the Fifth Army. Other poles were left, but were rigged with booby traps.

Approximately 200 tons of communications equipment was carried ashore in the first few days of the invasion.

Chow Troubles

CAMP STEWART, Ga. — Cpl. Carroll W. Tornroth, an American born in China and Pvt. Richard Tom, a Chinese raised in the U. S. A. are buddies in the 66th Brigade here at Camp Stewart. The other day they had an argument in the mess hall as to who was more Chinese and settled it by engaging in a chopstick contest. The contest involved eating spaghetti with knives, two of them, which was the most reasonable facsimile of chopsticks. The contest was never terminated, as the mess sergeant came along and slapped them both on KP for creating a disturbance in the mess hall.

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Britisher Says: Nazis Lie Better Than They Fly

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The so-called supermen fliers of Goering's once-vaunted Luftwaffe are greater liars than they are fighters.

Lt. Col. T. C. Metcalf, commanding officer of the First Composite British Battery which was at Stewart for AA demonstrations and exchange of ideas, said that the British have a difficult time discovering how the Nazis were toppled from the sky because the Germans lie so much. "If an RAF man examines him the Jerry will always claim ack-ack got him and if ack-ack officers question him he avers it was the RAF," Colonel Metcalf stated.

One of the worst examples of this Nazi super-lying was given by Colonel Metcalf as follows:

A Nazi pilot was shot down. He bailed out, landed in the River Dee and was captured as he waded ashore. First, he claimed he was hit by "heavy flak," but when he found out the anti-aircraft troops had captured him he said it was the RAF. Later, when the RAF questioned him, he said it was neither the flak nor the RAF, but that his plane had rammed into a balloon barrage cable.

Aim To Make Feeling Of Personal Responsibility

WASHINGTON — So that the American soldier will be the best informed in the world, the Army's table of organizations now include a captain in every regiment or equivalent unit whose job is to "create and maintain in every officer and enlisted man a feeling of individual responsibility for participation in the war and to strengthen his efficiency as a soldier by increasing his understanding as to why we fight."

Authorization of these orientation officers was included in WD Circ. 261 (Oct. 20, 1943).

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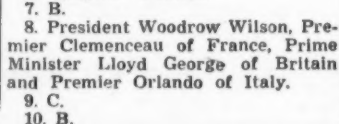
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